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LETTER:

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QUEENZ MAJESTY,

AT

Killingwoorth Caſtl in *Warwick Sheer,*

IN THIS

Soomerz Progreſt 1575,

IZ SIGNIFIED:

From a freend Officer attendant in the Coourt, unto his freend a *Citizen* and *Merchaunt* of *LONDON.*

De Reginâ noſtrâ illuſtriſſimâ.

Dum laniata ruant vicina ah regna tumultu,
Læta, ſuos inter, genialibus ILLA diebus
(Gratia Diis,) fruitur: Rumpantur & ilia Codro.

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Untoo my good freend, Maſter
Humfrey Martin, MERCER.

AFTER my hartie commendations, I commend me hartily too yoo. Underſtande yee, that ſins throogh God and good freends, I am placed at Coourt heer (as ye wot) in a woorſhipfull room: Whearby I am not onlie acquainted with the moſt, and well knoen to the beſt, and every Officer glad of my Company: But alſo have poour, adayz (while the Councell ſits not) to go and too ſee things ſight worthy; and too bee prezent at any Sheaw or Spectacl, only whear this Progreſs reprezented unto her Highneſs: And of part of which Sportez, having takin ſum notez and obſervationz (for I cannot bee Idl at ony hand in the World) az well to put fro me ſuſpition of Sluggardy, az too pluk from yoo doout of ony my forgetfulneſs of Freendſhip: I have thought it meet to impart them unto yoo, as frankly, az freendly, and az fully as

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I can: Well wot yee the blak Prins waz never ſtained with diſloyaltee of ingratitude towarde ony, I dare be his warrant hee will not beginee with yoo that hath at his hand ſo deeply dezerved. But heerin the better for conceyving of my minde and inſtruction of yoors, ye muſt gyve mee leave a littl, az well to preface untoo my matter, as to diſcoors ſumwhat of *Killyngwoorth Caſtl.* A territory of the right honorabl, my ſingular good Lord, my Lord the Earl of *Leyceter:* of whooz incomparabl cherrying and enterteynment thear, untoo her *Majeſty* noow, I will ſhew yoo a part heer that coold not ſee all; nor had I ſeen all, coold well report the hallf. Whear Thynges for the Parſons, for the Place, time, Coſt, deviſez, ſtraungnes, and Aboundaauns of all that ever I ſawe (and yet have I been, what under my *Maſter Bomſted,* and what on my oun affayres, whyle I occupied Merchaundize, both in *Fraunce* and *Flaunders* long and many a day,) I ſaw none ony where ſo memorabl, I tell you plain.

Killingwoorth Caſtl.

The *Caſtl* hath name of *Killingwoorth,* but of truth grounded upon feythful Storie *Kenelwoorth:* It ſtonds in *Warwykſhyre,* a

lxxiiii myle north-weſt from *London*, and az it were in the Navel of *England*, foure myle ſumwhat South from *Coventree* a proper Cittee, and a lyke diſtaunce from *Warwyk*, a fayre Sheere toun on the North: In Ayr ſweet and hollſum, raiſed on an eazy mounted hill, iz ſette eevenlie coaſted with the froont ſtraight intoo the Eaſt, hath the Tenaunts and Tooun about it, that pleaſantly ſhifts from dale too Hyll ſundry whear wyth ſweet Springs burſting foorth: And iz ſo plentifullie well ſorted on every ſide intoo Arabl, Meads, Paſture, Wood, Water, and good Ayrz, az it appeerz to have need of nothing that may perteyn too living or pleazure. Too avauntage hath it, hard on the Weſt, ſtill nouriſht with many lively Springs, a goodly Pool of rare beauty, bredth, length, deapth, & ſtore of all kinde freſh water fiſh, delicat, great and fat, and alſo of wild fooul byſide. By a rare ſituacion & natural amitee ſeemz this Pool conjoynd to the *Caſtlz* that on the Weſt layz the head az it wear upon the *Caſtlz* booſom, embraceth it on either ſide Soouth and North with both the Arms, ſettlz it ſelf az in a reach a ſlight ſhoot brode, ſtretching foorth body and legs a myle or too Weſt-ward: Be-

tween

tween a fayre Park on the one ſide, which by the Brayz is linked too the *Caſtl* on the South, ſprinckled at the entraunce with a feaw Coonyez, that for colour and ſmallnes of number, ſeem to be ſuffered more for pleaſure than commoditee: And on the oother ſide, North & Weſt, agoodlie chaſe: Waſt, wyde, large, and full of red Deer and oother ſtately Gamez for hunting: Beautified with many delectabl freſh and umbragioous boowz, Arberz, Seatz, and Walks, that with great Art, Coſt, & diligens wear very pleaſauntlie appointed: Which alſo the natural grace by the tall and freſh fragrant treez and ſoil, did ſo far foorth commend, az *Diana* her-ſelf myght have deyned thear well enough too raunge for her Paſtime.

The leaſt Arm of this Pool North-ward had my Lorde adoourned with a beautifull bracelet of a fayre tymbred bridge, that iz of xiiii foot wide, and a ſix hundred foot long; railed all on both ſidez, ſtrongly planked for paſſage, reaching from the Chaſe too the *Caſtl:* That thus in the midſt hath clear proſpect over theez pleazures on the back part; and forward over all the Toun, and mooch of the Countree beſide.

Heertoo

Heertoo, a ſpeciall commoditee at hand of ſundrie quarriez of large building ſtone, the goodneſs whearof may the eazlyar be judged, in the building and auntienty of the *Caſtl;* that (az by the name and hyſtories, well may be gathered) waz firſt reared by *Kenulph,* and his young Sun *Kenelm:* born both indeed within the Ream heer, but yet of the race of *Saxons:* And reigned Kings of *Marchlond* from the year of our Lord 798, too 23 yeerz toogyther, above 770 yeer ago. Altho' the *Caſtl* hath one Auncient ſtrong and large Keep that iz called *Ceazarz Tour,* rather (az I have good cauz to think) for that it iz ſquare and high, foormed after the maner of *Cezarz Fortz* then that ever he bylt it. Nay noow I am a littl in *Maſter Martin* ile tell you all.

Florilege fol. 221, & 225.

Guil. Malmeſb. lib. I.

This *Marchlond* that ſtoryes call *Mercia,* iz numbred in their Bookes the foourth of the ſeaven Kingdomes that the *Saxons* had whilom heer divided among them in the Ream: Began in *Anno Dom.* 616, one hundred and thirtie nine yeer after *Horſins* and *Hengiſt;* continued in the race of 17 Kings, 249 yeers togyther, and ended in *Ann.* 875. Reyzed from the reſt, (fayz the

book) at firſt by *Penda'z* preſumption: overthroun at laſt by *Buthred's Haſcardy*, and ſo fell to the kingdoom of the *Weſt-Saxons*. *Mercia.* And *Marchlond* had in it *London*, *Mildelſex*, heering a Biſhoprik. Had more of *Shyrez: Gloceter*, *Woorceter*, and *Warwik*, and heering a Biſhoprik. *Cheſter* (that now we call *Cheſhyre*) *Darby* and *Staffoord*, whereuntoo one Biſhop that had alſo part of *Warwyk* and *Shrewſbery*, and his See at *Coventree* that was then aforetime at *Lychfeeld*. Heretoo: *Hereford*, wherein a Biſhoprik that had more too Juriſdiction, half *Shreuſbury*, part of *Warwyk* and alſo of *Gloceter*, and the See at *Hereford*. Alſo had *Oxford*, *Buckingham*, *Hertford*, *Huntingdon*, & halfe of *Bedforde;* and too theez, *Norhampton*, part of *Leyceter*, and alſo *Lincoln*, whearunto a Biſhop: Whoz See at *Lincoln* Citee that ſumtime before was at *Dorcheſter*, heerto the reſt of *Leyceter* and in *Nottingham*, that of old had a ſpeciall Biſhop, whooz See waz at *Leyceter;* but after, put to the charge of the Archbiſhop of *Yorke*.

Now touching the Name, that of olld Recordes I underſtand, and of Auncient Writers I find, iz call'd *Kenelworth;* Syns moſt

moſt of the *Worth's* in *England* ſtand ny untoo like lakes, and ar eyther ſmall *Ilandz*, ſuch one as the Seat of this *Caſtl* hath been and eazly may bee, or is lond ground by Pool or River whearon Willoz, Alderz, or ſuch like doo gro: Which *Althamerus* writes precizely that the *Germains* cal Werd: Joyning theſe too togither with the nighneſs allſo of the Woords and ſybred of the toongs. I am the bolder to pronoouns, that as our *Engliſh Woorth*, with the reſt of our Auncient Langage, was leaſt us from the *Germains*; eeven ſo that their *Werd* and our *Woorth* iz all one thing in ſignfiaunce, common too us both, e'en at this day: I take the caſe ſo clear, that I ſay not az mooch az I moought. Thus Proface ye with the Preface, and nowe to the Matter.

Upon *Tacitus.* fol. 142.
The *Germans* call *Werk* that we call *Woork.*
They call *Werlt* that we call *Woorld.*
They *Wermut* we *Woormwood.*
They *biel Wert* we *muchWorth.*

On *Saterday* the Nyenth of *July*, at long *Ichington*, a Toun & Lordſhip of my Lord's, within a ſeaven Myle of *Killingworth*; his Honor made her *Majeſty* great cheer at Dinner, and pleaſaunt Paſtime in Hunting by the way after, that it was eight o'Clock in the Evening ear her Highneſs came too *Killingwoorth:* Whear in the Park, about a flight ſhoot from the Brayz and firſt gate of the

Sybyls. *Caſtl,* one the ten *Sibills,* that (we reed) wear all *Fatidicæ* and *Theobulæ,* (as parties and privy too the Gods gracious good willz, (cumly clad in a Pall of white Sylk, pronounced a proper Poezi in Engliſh Rime and Meeter: Of effect hoow great gladneſs her goodneſſe prezenze brought into everie ſteed whear it pleazed her too cum; and ſpecial now into that place that had ſo long longed after the ſame: Ended with prophecie certain, of mooch and long proſperitue health and felicitee: This her *Majeſtie* beningly accepting, paſſed foorth untoo the next gate of the Brayz, which for the length, largenes and uſe, (as well it may ſo ſerve) *The Porter.* they call now the Tylt-yard, whear a Porter, tall of Perſon, big of lim and ſtearn of coountinance, wrapt alſo all in Sylke, with a club and keiz of quantitee according, had a rough ſpeech full of Paſſions in meeter aptly made to the purpoſe: Whearby (az her Highnes was cum within his warde) hee burſt out in a great pang of impatiens to ſee ſuch uncooth trudging too and fro, ſuch riding in and out, with ſuch dyn and noiz of talk within the charge of his Offis: Whearof hee never ſaw the like nor had any warning afore, ne yet coold make too himſelf

felf any cauze of the matter: At laſt upon better vieu and aviſement, az hee preaſt too cum neerar, confeſſing anon that hee found himſelf pearced at the prezens of a perſonage ſo evidently expreſſing an heroicall Soverain-tee over all the whole Eſtates, and by degreez thear beſyde, callm'd his ſtoniz, proclaims open gates and free paſſage to all, yeelds up his Club, his Keyz, hiz Office and all, and on hiz kneez humbly prayz pardon of hiz ignorauns and impaciens: which her Highneſs graciouſlie graunting, he cauz'd his Trumpetoourz that ſtood uppon the wall of the gate thear, too ſoound up a tune of welcum: Which, beſyde the nobl noyz, was ſo mooch the more pleaſaunt too behold, becaus theez Trumpetoours, beeing fixe in number, wear every one an eight foot hye, in due proportion of Parſon beſyde, all in long garments of Sylk ſuitabl, eache with hiz ſylvery Trumpet of a five foot long, foorm-ed taper wyſe, and ſtraight from the upper part untoo the neathere eend: Whear the diameter was a 16 ynchez over, and yet ſo tempered by art, that being very eazy too the blaſt, they caſt foorth no greater noyz, nor a more unpleazaunt ſoound for time and tune, than any oother common Trumpet,

The Trumpetors.

bee it never ſo artificially formed. Theeze armonious blaſterz, from the foreſide of the gate at her highneſs entrance whear they began: Walking upon the Wallz untoo the inner; had this Muzik maintained from them very delectably, while her Highneſs all along this Tylt-yard rode unto the inner gate next the baſe Coourt of the *Caſtl:* where the Lady of the Lake, (famous in King *Arthurz* Book) with too *Nymphes* waiting uppon her, arrayed all in Sylks, attending her Highneſs comming: From the midſt of the Pool, whear upon a moovabl *Iland*, bright blazing with Torches, ſhe floting to Land, met her *Majeſty* with a well penned meeter and matter after this ſort: [*viz*] Firſt of the Auncientee of the *Caſtl*, whoo had been ownerz of the ſame e'en 'till this day, moſt alweys in the hands of the Earls of *Leyceter;* hoow ſhee had kept this Lake ſinz King *Arthurz* Dayz; and now underſtanding of her highneſs hither cumming, thought it both office and duetie, in humble wize to diſcover her and her Eſtate; offering up the ſame, her Lake and Poowr therein, with promiſe of repayre unto the Coourt. It pleazed her highneſs too thank this Lady, and too add withall, we had thought indeed

The Lady of the Lake.

the

the Lake had been oourz, and doo you call it yourz now? Well, we will herein common more with yoo hereafter.

THIS Pageant was cloz'd up with a delectable harmony of Hautboiz, Shalmz, Cornets, and ſuch oother looud Muzik, that held on while her *Majeſtie* pleaſauntly ſo paſſed from thence toward the *Caſtl* gate; whearunto from the baze Coourt over a dry valley caſt into a good foorm, waz thear framed a fayr Bridge of a twenty foot wide, *The Bridge.* and a ſeaventy foot long, graveld for treading, railed on either part with ſeaven Poſts *Seven pair of Poſts.* on a ſide, that ſtood a 12 foot a ſunder thickned betweene with well proportioned Pillars turn'd.

UPON the firſt payr of Poſts were ſet too cumly ſquare wyre Cages, a three foot long, too foot wide; and hye in them live Bitters, Curluz, Shoovelarz, Hearſheawz, Godwitz, and ſuch like deinty Byrds of the prezents of *Sylvanus* the God of Foul. On the ſecond *Sylvanus. 1. Prezents.* payr, too great ſylver'd Bollz, featly apted too the purpoze, filde with Applz, Pearz, Cherriz, Filberdz, Walnuts, freſh upon their braunches, and with Oranges, Poungarnets, Lemmans,

Lemmans, and Pipinz, all for the giftz of
Pomona. 2. *Pomona*, Goddes of Fruitz. The third pair of Poſts, in too ſuch ſylver'd Bollz, had (all in earz Green and Old) Wheat, Barly,
Ceres. 3. Ootz, Beans and Peaz, az the gifts of *Ceres*. The fourth Poſt on the leaſt hand, in a like ſylvered Boll, had Grapes in Cluſters whyte and red, gracified with their vine leavez: The match Poſt againſt it had a payre of great whyte ſylver lyvery Pots for Wyne: and before them too Glaſſez of good capacitie, fill'd full; the t'on with whyte Wine, the two other with Claret; ſo freſh of coolor, and of look ſo lovely, ſmiling to the Eyz of many, that by my feith mee thought, by their leering, they could have foound in their harts (az the evening was hot,) to have kiſt them ſweetlie, and thought it no Sin: And theez for the potencial prezents of
Bacchus. 4. *Bacchus* the God of Wine. The fift payr had each a fair large trey ſtreawd with freſh graſs; and in them, Coonger, Burt, Mullet, Freſh Herring, Oiſters, Samon, Crevis, and ſuch
Neptuns. 5. like from *Neptunus*, God of the Sea. On the ſixth payr of Poſts wear ſet two ragged Stavez of ſylver, as my Lord givez them in Armz, beautifully glittering of Armour thereupon depending, Bowz, Arroz, Spearz, Sheeld,

Head

Head-pees, Gorget, Corſelets, Swoords, Targets, and ſuch like, for *Mars* Gifts the God of War. And the aptlyer (methought,) waz it that thooz ragged Staves ſupported theez Martial prezents, as well becauz the-z ſtaves by their tines ſeem naturallie meete for the bearing of Armoour, as alſo that they chiefly in this place might take upon them principall protection of her Highneſs Parſon, that ſo benignly pleazed her to take herbour. On the ſeaventh Poſts, the laſt and next too the *Caſtl*, wear thear pight to ſaer Bay braunches of a four foot hy, adourned on all ſides with Lutes, Viollz, Shallmz, Cornets, Flutes, Recorders, and Harpes, az the prezents of *Phœbus* the God of Muzik for rejoicing the mind, and alſo of Phizik, for health to the Body. *Mars.* 6. *Phœbus.* 7.

Over the *Caſtl* Gate was there faſtened a Tabl beautifully garniſht aboove with her Highneſs Arms, and featlie with Ivy wreathz boorded aboout, of a ten-foot Square: The ground blak, whearupon in large white Capitall Roman fayr written, a Poem mencioning theeze Gods and their Gifts, thus prezented untoo her Highneſs: Which, becauz it remained unremooved, at leizure and pleaze I took it oout, as foloeth. A D

AD MAJESTATEM REGIAM.

Jupiter huc certos cernens te tendere greſſus
Cælicolas PRINCEPS actutum convocat Omnes:
Obſequium præſtare jubet TIBI quenque benignum.
Unde ſuas Sylvanus Aves, Pomonaque fructus,
Alma Ceres fruges, hilarantia vina Liæus,
Neptunus Piſces, tela et tutantia *Mavors*,
Suave Melos *Phœbus*, ſolidamque longamque ſalutem.
Dii TIBI REGINA hæc (cum ſis DIGNISSIMA) præbent:
Hoc TIBI, cum Domino, dedit ſe & werda KENELMI.

All the Letters that mention her *Majeſty*, which heer I put capitall, for reverens and honor wear thear made in Golld.

But the Night well ſpent, for that theez Verſez by torch light coold eaſily bee read, by a Poet thearfore in a long ceruleoous garment, with a ſide and wide ſleeves Venecian wize drawen up to his elboz, his dooblett ſleevez under that, Crimzen, nothing but Silke; a Bay garland on his head, and a ſkro in his hand, making firſt an humble Obeizaunce at her highneſs cummyng, and pointing untoo everie prezent as he ſpake; the ſame were pronounced. Thus

viewing

viewing the Gifts, az ſhe paſt, and how the Poſts might agree with the ſpeech of the Poet, at the eend of the bridge and entree of the Gate, waz her highnes received with a freſh delicate Armony of Flutz, in perfourmauns of *Phœbus* Prezents.

So paſſing intoo the inner Coourt, her *Majeſty* (that never rides but alone) thear ſet doun from her palfrey, was conveied up to Chamber: When after did follo ſo great a peal of gunz, and ſuch lightning by fyrwork a long ſpace toogither, as *Jupiter* woold ſheaw himſelf too bee no further behind with hiz welcum then the reſt of hiz Gods: and that woold hee have all the Countrie to kno: for indeed the noiz and flame were heard and ſeen a twenty myle of. Thus much *Maſter Martin* (that I remember me) for the firſt daiz Bien venu. Be yee not wery, for I am ſkant in the midſt of my matter.

On *Sunday* the forenoon Occupied, az for the Sabot day, in quiet and vacation from woork, and in divine ſervis and preaching at the Pariſh Church: The Afternoon in excelent Muzik of ſundry ſwet Inſtruments, *Sunday.*

and in dauncing of Lordes and Ladiez, and oother woorſhipfull degrees, uttered with ſuch lively agilitee and commendable grace az whither it moought be more ſtraunge too the eye, or pleazunt too the minde, for my part indeed I coold not diſcern; but exceedingly well was it, methought in both.

At night late, az though *Jupiter* the laſt night had forgot for bizineſs, or forborn for curteſy and quiet, part of his wellcoom untoo her highneſs appointed, noow entrins at the fyrſt intoo hiz purpoze moderatly (az mortallz doo) with a warning peec or too, proceding on with incres; at laſt the *Altitonant* diſpleaz me hiz mayn poour; with blaz of burning Darts, flying too and fro, leams of ſtarz coruſcant, ſtreamz and hail of firie ſparkes, lightninges of wildfier a water and lond, flight & ſhoot of thunderboltz, all with ſuch countinauns terror & vehemencie, that the Heavins thundred, the Waters ſoourged, the Earth ſhooke; and in ſuch ſort ſurly, az had we not bee aſſured of the fulmieant deitee waz all hot in Amitee, and could not otherwize witneſſe his wellcomming unto her highneſs; it woold have made mee, for my part, az hardy az I am, very veangeably afeard

afeard. This a doo laſted while the Midnight waz paſt, that well waz mee ſoon after when I waz cought in my cabayn: and this for the ſecund day.

Munday was hot, and thearfore her highneſs kept in a till a five a Clok in the eevening: what time it pleazz'd her too ride foorth into the Chace too hunt the Hart of fors: which foound anon, and after ſore chaſed, and chafed by the hot purſuit of the hooundes, was fain of fine fors, at laſt to take ſoil. Thear to beholld the ſwift fleeting of the Deer afore with the ſtately Cariage of his head in hiz ſwimmyng, ſpred (for the quantitee) lyke the ſail of a Ship: the hounds harroing after, az they had bin a number of ſkiphs too the ſpoyle of a Karvell: the ton no leſſe eager in purchaz of his pray, then waz the other earneſt in ſavegard of hiz life: ſo az the earning of the hoounds in continuauns of their crie, the ſwiftneſs of the Deer, the running of footmen, the galloping of horſez, the blaſting of hornz, the halloing and hewing of the huntſmen, with the excellent echoz between whilez from the Woods and Waters in Valleiz reſounding; mooved Paſtime delectabl in ſo hye a degree, *Munday*, 3. *The Hunting of the Hart of fors.*

az for ony parſon to take pleazure by mooſt ſenſez at onez, in mine opinion, thear can be none ony wey comparable to this: and ſpeciall in this place, that of nature is foormed ſo fytt for the purpoſe; in ſeith *Maſter Martin* if ye coold with a Wiſh, I woold ye had bin at it: Wel the Hart waz kild, a goodly Deer, but ſo ceaſt not the game yet.

For about nien a Clock, at the hither part of the Chaſe whear torch light attended, oout of the Woods, in her *Majeſtiez* return, rooughly came thear foorth *Hombre Salvagio*, with an Oken plant pluct up by the roots in his hande, himſelf forgrone all in Moſs and Ivy; who, for parſonage, geſture, and utteraunce beſide, coountenaunſt the matter too very good liking; and had ſpeech to effect: That continuing ſo long in theeze wilde Waſtes, whearin oft had he fared both far and neer, yet hapt he never to ſee ſo glorioous an Aſſemble afore: and noow caſt intoo great grief of mind, for that neyther by himſelf coold he geſs, nor knew whear elſe too bee taught, what they ſhould be, or whoo bare eſtate. Reports ſum had he hard many ſtraunge things, but brooyled thearby

The Savage Man.

thearby ſo mooch the more in deſire of knoledge. Thus in great pangs bethought he, and call'd he upon all his familiarz and companionz, the Fawnz, the Satyres, the Nymphs, the Dryades & the Hamadryades; but none making aunſwear, whearby his care the more encreaſing, in utter grief and extreem refuge, call'd he allowd at laſt, after hiz olld freend *Echo*, that he wiſt would hyde nothing from him, but tell him all, if ſhe wear heer. Heer (quoth *Echo.*) Heer, *Echo*, and art thou thear? (ſays he,) Ah hoow mooch haſt thou relieved my careful ſpirits with thy curtezy onward. A my good *Echo*, heer is a marveiloous prezenz of dignitee; what are they I pray thee, who is Soverain, tell me I beſeech thee, or elze hoow moought I kno? I kno (quoth ſhe.) Knoeſt thou, ſays he? marry that is exceedingly well: Why then, I dezire thee, hartily to ſho mee what *Majeſtie*, (for no mean degree is it) have we heer: a *King* or a *Queen?* (quoth *Echo.*) A *Queen!* ſayez hee? Pauzing and wiſely viewing a while, noow full certeynlie ſeemes thy tale to be true: And proceeding by this maner of Dialog, with an earneſt beholding her highneſs a while, recounts he firſt hoow juſtly *Echo.*

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that foormer reports agree with his preſent ſight, toouching the beautifull linaments of coountinauns, the cumly proportion of body, the Prinſly grace of prezenz, the graciouz giftz of nature, with the rare and ſingular qualities of both body and mind in her *Majeſty* conjoyn'd, and ſo apparent at eye. Then ſhortly rehearſing Saterdaiz Actes, of *Sibil's* ſalutation, of the Porter's propoſition, of his Trumpetoours Muzik, of the Lake Ladiez Oration, of the ſeaven Godz ſeaven Prezentz, Hee reporteth the incredibl joy that all eſtatez in the land have all weyz of her hignes whearſoever it cums: eendeth with preſage and prayer of perpetuall felicitee, and with humble ſubjection of him and hizzen and all that they may do. After this ſort the matter went with littl differens I geſſe, ſaving only in this point, that the thing which heer I report in unpoliſht Proez, was thear pronounced in good meeter and matter, very wel indighted in rime. *Echo* finely framed moſt aptly by anſwerz thus to utter all. And I ſhall tell yoo *Maſter Martin*, by the maſs, of a mad Adventure: As this Savage for the more ſubmiſſion brake hiz tree aſunder, and Kaſt the top from him, it had almoſt light upon her highnes hors hedd: whearat he ſtartld,

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the gentlman much dismayd. See the benignitee of the Prins; az the footmen lookt well too the hors, and hee of generositee soon calmd of himself——"No hurt, "No hurt, quoth her highness. Which Words I promis yoo wee wear all glad to hear; and took them too be the best part of the Play.

Tuisday, pleazaunt passing of the time with Muzik and dauncing; saving that toward night it liked her *Majesty* too walk a foot into the Chase over the bridge: whear it pleased her to stand, while upon the Pool oout of a Barge fine appointed for the purpoze, too heer sundry kinds of very delectabl Muzik; thus recreated, and after sum wallk her highnes returned. *Tuisday*, 4.

Wednsday, her *Majesty* rode intoo the Chase, a hunting again of the Hart of Fors. The Deer, after his property, for refuge took the soyl: but so master'd by hote pursuit on al parts, that he was taken quick in the Pool: The Watermen held him up hard by the hed, while at her highnes comaundment he lost hiz earz for a raundsum and so had pardon for lyse. *Wednsday*, 5. *The Hart pardoned.*

Thursday,

Thurſday, 6. *Thurſday*, the foourteenth of this *July*, and the ſyxth day of her *Majeſtyez* cumming,

A queaſt of Bearz. a great ſort of Bandogs whear thear tyed in the utter Coourt, and thyrteen Bearz in the inner. Whooſoever made the pannell, thear wear inoow for a Queaſt, and one for challenge and need wear. A Wight of great wizdoom and gravitee ſeemed their forman to be, had it cum to a Jury: But it fell oout that they wear cauzd too appeer thear upon no ſuch matter, but onlie too aunſwear too auncient quarrell between them and the Bandogs, in a cauſe of controverſy that hath long depended, been obſtinatly full often debated with ſharp and byting arguments a both ſydes, and coold never be decided grown noow too ſo marveyloous a mallys, that with ſpitefull obrayds and uncharitabl chaffings alweiz they freat, az any whear the ton can heer, ſee, or ſmell the toother: And indeed at utter deadly feud. Many a maymd member, (God wot) blody face & a torn Cote hath the quarrel coſt between them, ſo far likely the leſſe yet noow to be appeazd, as thear wants not partakers too bak them a both ſidez.

Well ſyr, the Bearz wear brought foorth

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intoo the Coourt, the Dogs ſet too them, too argu the points eeven face too face; they had learnd counſel alſo a both parts: what may they be coounted parciall that are retain but a to ſyde? I ween no. Very feers both ton & toother and eager in argument: If the Dog in pleadyng woold pluk the Bear by the throte, the Bear with travers woould claw him again by the ſcalp; Confeſs and a liſt, but avoyd a coold not that waz bound too the bar: And hiz Coounſell tolld him that it coold be too him no pollecy in pleading. Thearfore thus with fending and prooving, with plucking and tugging, ſkratting and byting, by plain tooth and nayll a to ſide and toother, ſuch expens of blood and leather waz thear between them, as a moonths licking I ween will not recoover: and yet remain as far out az ever they wear.

It was a ſport very pleazaunt of theeze beaſtz; to ſee the Bear with his pink nyez leering after hiz enmiez approch, the nimblneſs and wayt of the Dog too take hiz avauntage, and the fors and experiens of the Bear agayn to avoyd the aſſauts: If he wear bitten in one place, hoow he woold pynch in an oother too get free: that if he wear

taken onez, then what ſhyft with byting with clawying, with roring toſſing and tumbling he woold woork too wynde hym ſelf from them: And when he was loſe, to ſhake hiz earz twyſe or thryſe wyth the blud and the ſlaver aboout his fiznamy, waz a matter of a goodly releef.

Gun ſhot and fyrework.

As this ſport waz had a day time, in the *Caſtl*, ſo waz thear abrode at night very ſtraunge and ſundry kindez of fier works, compeld by cunning to fly too and fro, and too mount very hye intoo they Ayr upward, and alſo too burn unquenſhabl in the Water beneathe; contrary, ye wot, too fyerz kinde: This intermingld with a great peal of Guns, which all gave both to the ear and to the Eye the greater grace and delight, for that with ſuch Order and Art they wear tempered, toouching time and continuaunce, that waz about too hours ſpace.

Tumbling of the Italian.

Noow within alſo, in the mean time waz thear ſheawed before her hignes, by an *Italian*, ſuch feats of Agilitiee, in goinges, turninges, tumblinges, caſtinges, hops, jumps, leaps, ſkips, ſprings, gambaud, ſoomerſauts, caprettiez and flights; forward, backward, ſydewize,

fydewize, a doownward, upward and with ſundry windings, gyrings & circumflexions; allſo lightly and with ſuch eazineſs, as by mee in feaw words it is not expreſſibl by pen or ſpeech I tell yoo plain. I bleaſt me by my faith to behold him, and began to doout whither a waz a man or a ſpirite, and I ween had doouted mee 'till this day, had it not been that anon I bethought me of men that can reaſon and talk with too toongs, and with too parſons at onez, ſing like Burdz, curteiz of behaviour, of body ſtrong, and in joynts ſo nymbl withall, that their bonez ſeem az lythie and plyaunt ſyneuz. They dwel in a happy *Iland* (az the Book tearmz it,) four moonths ſayling Southward beyond *Ethiop.* Nay *Maſter Martin* I tell you no jeſt; for both *Diodorus Siculus* an Auncient Greek Hiſtoriographer in his third book of the Acts of the olld *Egypcians;* and alſo from him *Conrad Geſnerus,* a great learned man, and a very diligent Writer in all good Arguments of oour time, but deceaſed, in the firſt chapter of hiz *Mithridates* reporteth the ſame. As for this fellow, I cannot tell what too make of him, ſave that I may geſſe his bak metalld like a Lamprey, that haz no bone, but a lyne like to a Lute ſtring. Well

Diodor. Sicul. de Antig. Egyptiorum Geſtia. lib. 3.

fyr, let him paſs and his feats, and this dayz paſtime withall, for heer iz az mooch az I can remember mee for *Thurſdaiz* entertainment.

Friday, 7. *Saterday*, 8. *Friday* and *Saterday* wear thear no open ſheaws abrode, becauz the weather enclynde too ſum moyſter and wynde; that very ſeazonably temperd the drought and the heat, cauzed by the continuans of fayr weather and ſunſhyne afore, all the whyle ſyns her *Majeſtiez* thither cumming.

Sunday, 9. A *Sunday*, opportunely the weather brake up again, and after divine Servis in the Pariſh Church for the Sabot day, and a frutefull Sermon thear in the forenoon: At Afternoon, in woorſhip of this *Kenelwoorth Caſtl*, and of *God* and *Saint Kenelm*, whooz day forſooth by the Calendar this waz; a

a Brideale. ſolemn Brydeale of a proper Coopl waz appointed; Set in order in the Tylt-yard, too cum and make thear ſheaw before the *Caſtl* in the great Coourt, whear az was pight a cumly Quintine for featz at Armz, which when they had done, too march oout at the North gate of the *Caſtl* homeward again into the Tooun.

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And thus were they marſhalld. Fyrſt, all the luſtie Lads and bolld bachelarz of the Pariſh, ſutablie every Wight with hiz blu buckeram bridelace upon a braunch of green Broom (cauz rozemary iz ſkant thear) tyed on hiz leaft arme, (for a that ſyde lyez the heart,) and his Alder pole for a ſpear in his right hand, in Marciall order raunged on a fore, too and too in a rank: Sum with a hat, ſum in a Cap, ſum a Cote, ſum a jerken, ſum for lightneſs in hiz dooblet and hiz hoze, Clean truſt with a point afore: Sum botes and no Spurz, he Spurz and no boots, and he neyther nother: One a Sadel, anoother a Pad or a Pannell faſtened with a Cord, for gyrts wear geazon: And theez to the number of a ſixteen wight riding men and well beſeen: But the Bridegroom formoſt, in hiz fatherz tawny worſted jacket, (for hiz freends wear fayn that he ſhoold be a Brydegroom before the *Queen*) a fayr ſtrawn hat with a Capitall Crooun, ſteepl Wyze on his hed: a payr of harveſt gloves on hiz hands, az a ſign of good Huſbandry: A Pen and inkorn at hiz bak; for he woold be knowen to be bookiſh: lame of a leg that in his Yooth was broken at football: Well beloved yet of his Mother, that lent him a nu Muf-

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ſlar for a Napkin that waz tyed too hiz gyrdl for lozyng. It was no ſmall Sport too marke this Minion in hiz full apointment, that throogh good ſcoolation becam az formall in hiz Action, az had he been a Brydegroom indeed; with this ſpeciall grace by the wey, that ever az he woold have framed him the better countenauns, with the woors face he lookt.

Well ſyr, after theez horſmen, a lively Moriſdauns, according too the Auncient manner: fix Dauncerz, Mawdmarion, and the Fool. Then three pretty Puzels, az bright az a breaſt of bacon, of a thirtie yeere old a pees, that carried three ſpeciall Spiſe-cakes of a buſhel of wheat (they had it by meazure out of my *Lords* backhouſe,) before the Bryde: Syzely with ſet countenauns, and lips ſo demurely ſimpring, as it had been a Mare cropping of a thiſtl. After theez, a loovely loober woorts, freklfaced, red-headed, cleen truſt in hiz dooblet and hiz hoze taken up now in deed by commiſſion, for that hee waz ſo loth to cum forward, for reverens belike of hiz nue cut-canvas dooblet; and woold by hiz good will have been but a gazer, but found to bee a meet actor for his Offis;

Offis: That waz to beare the Bride-cup, foormed of a ſweet ſucket barrell, a faire turnd foot ſet too it, all ſeemly be ſylverd and parcell gilt, adourned with a beautiful braunch of Broom, gayly begilded for Roſemary; from which, too brode Brydelaces of red and yelloo buckeram begilded, and galauntly ſtreaming by ſuch wind az thear waz, for he Carried it aloft: This gentl Cup-bearer yet, had hiz freckld fiznemy ſumwhat unhappily infeſted az he went, by the byzy flyez, that floct about the Bride-cup, for the ſweetneſs of the ſucket that it favored on: but hee like a tall Fello, withſtood their Mallis ſtoutly, (ſee what Manhood may do,) bet them away, kild them by ſcores, ſtood to hiz charge, and marched on in good Order.

Then folloed the worſhipful Bride, led (after the Cuntrie maner) between too Auncient Pariſhioners, honeſt Toounſmen. But a ſtale Stallion, and a well ſpred, (hot az the Weather waz) God wot, and ill ſmelling waz ſhe: a thirtie yeer old, of colour broun-bay not very beautifull in deed, but ugly, and foul ill favord: Yet marveyloous fond of the Offis, becauſe ſhee hard

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ſay ſhee ſhoold dauns before the *Queen*, in which feat ſhee thought ſhe woold foot it az finely az the beſt: Well, after this Bride cam thear by too and too, a dozen damzels for bride-maides; that for favor, attyre, for facion and cleanlines, were az meete for ſuch a Bride az a treen ladl for a Porige Pot: Mo, (but for fear of carring all clean,) had been appointed but theez feaw wear inoow.

As the Cumpany in this Order wear cum into the Coourt, marvelous wear the marcial Acts that wear doon thear that day, The Bryde-groome for preeminens had the fyrſt Coors at the Quintyne, brake hiz ſpear treſhardiment: but his Mare in hiz manage did a littl ſo titubate, that mooch a doo had his Manhod to ſit in his Sadl, and too 'ſcape the foyl of a fall: With the help of his hand, yet hee recooverd himſelf, and loſt not hiz ſtyrops (for he had none to his Sadl:) had no hurt as it hapt, but only that hiz gyrt burſt, and loſt hiz pen and inkorn that he waz redy to wep for; but his handkercher, az good hap waz, found hee ſafe at his gyrdl: that cheerd him ſumwhat, and had good regard it ſhoold not be fyeld. For though heat and coolneſs upon ſundry

Running at Quintine.

Occazions

Occazions made him ſum time too ſweat, and ſum time rumatick; yet durſt hee be bollder too blo his noze and wype his face with the flapet of his fatherz jacket, then with his Mother's Muffler: 'tis a goodly matter, when Yooth iz manerly brought up, in fatherlie loove and Motherly Aw.

Now Syr, after the Brydegroom had made hiz Coors, ran the reſt of the Band a whyle, in ſum order; but ſoon after, tag and rag, cut and long tail; whear the ſpecialty of the ſport was, to ſee how ſum for hiz flakneſs had a good bob with the Bag; and ſum for his haſte too toppl dooun right, and cum tumbling to the Poſt: Sum ſtryving ſo mooch at the fyrſt ſetting oout, that it ſeemd a queſtion between the Man and the Beaſt, whither the Coors ſhoold be made a horſback or a foot: and put foorth with the ſpurz, then wold run hiz race by az among the thickeſt of the Throng, that dooun came they toogyther hand over hed: Anoother, whyle he directed his Coors to the quintine, his jument woold carry him too a Mare amoong the Pepl: So hiz hors az amoroos az him ſelf adventuroous: Another, too, run and miſt the quintyne with

hiz ſtaff, and hit the boord with his hed!

Many ſuch gay gamz wear thear among theez ryderz: who by and by after, upon a greater coorage leaſt thear quintining, and ran at anoother. Thear to ſee the ſtearn countenauns, the grym looks, the cooragioous attempts, the deſperat Adventurez, the daungeroous Coorvez, the feers encoounterz, whereby the buff at the Man, and the counterbuff at the hors, that both ſumtime cam topling to the ground. By my trooth *Maſter Martyn* twaz a lively paſtime; I beleeve it woold have mooved ſum man too a right meerry mood, though had it be toold him hiz Wife lay a dying.

Hok Tuiſday by the Coventree men.

And heerto folloed az good a ſport, (methooght,) prezented in an Hiſtorical kue, by certain good harted men of *Coventree*, my Lords Neighboors thear: who underſtanding amoong them the thing that coold not bee hidden from ony: hoow careful and ſtudious hiz honour waz that by all pleazaunt recreaſions her highnes might beſt fynd her ſelf wellcom, and bee made gladſum and mery; (the groundworke indeede and foundacion of hiz Lordſhip's myrth and gladneſſe

gladneſſe of us all,) made petition that they moought renue noow their Old Storial Sheaw: Of argument how the *Danez* whylom heere in a troubloous Seazon wear for quietneſſe born withall and ſuffeard in Peas; that anon, by outrage and importabl inſolency, abuzing both *Ethelred* the *King*, then, and all Eſtates everie whear by ſyde; at the greevous complaint and coounſel of *Huna* the *King's* Chieftain in warz, on *Saint Brice's* night, *Ann. Dom.* 1012, (az the book ſayz, that falleth yeerely on the thirteenth of *November*) wear all diſpatcht and the Ream rid. And for becauz the matter mencioneth how valiantly our *Engliſh* Women, for love of their Countree behaved themſelves, expreſſed in Actionz and rymez after their manner, they thought it moought moove ſum myrth to her *Majeſty* the rather. The thing, ſaid They, iz grounded in ſtory, and for paſtime woont too be plaid in oour Citee yearly: without ill example of mannerz, papiſtry, on ony ſuperſtition: and elz did ſo occupy the heads of a number, that likely inoough woold have had woorz meditationz: had an Auncient beginning and a long continuauns: 'till noow of late laid dooun, they knue no cauz why, onleſs it wear by the

zeal of certain theyr preacherz; Men very commendabl for their behaviour & learning, and ſweet in their Sermons, but ſumwhat too ſour in preaching awey theyr Paſtime: Wiſht therefore, that az they ſhoold continue their good doctrine in Pulpet, ſo, for matters of pollicy and governauns of the Citie, they woold permit them to the *Mair* and *Magiſtratez:* and ſayed by my feyth, *Maſter Martyn,* they woold make theyr humbl petition untoo her highnes, that they might have theyr Playz up agayn.

But aware, keep bak, make room noow, har they cum:

Captain Cox. And fyrſt *Captin Cox,* an od man I promiz yoo: by profeſſion a Maſon, and that right ſkilfull; very cunning in ſens, and hardy as *Gawin;* for his ton-ſword hangs at hiz tablz eend: great overſight hath he in matters of ſtorie: For az for *King Arthurz* Book, *Huon* of *Burdeaus,* the foour ſons of *Aymon,* *Bevys* of *Hampton,* The *Squyre* of lo degree, The *Knight* of *Courteſy,* and the *Lady Faguell, Frederik* of *Gene, Syr Eglamoour, Syr Tryamoour, Syr Lamwell, Syr Iſenbras, Syr Gawyn, Olyver* of the *Caſtl, Lucres* and *Eurialus, Virgil's life,* the *Caſtl* of *Ladies,* the

It is alluding to this Adventure of the Country men, that Ben. Johnſon names one of his Maſques, which was printed 1640; A Maſques of Owls at Kenelworth; preſented by the Ghoſt of Captain Cox, mounted on his Hobbykorſe. See Langbain's Dramatic Poets p. 293. J. C.

the *Wido Edyth*, the *King* and the *Tanner*, *Frier Rous*, *Howleglas*, *Gargantua*, *Robinhood*, *Adam Bel*, *Clim* of the *Clough* and *William* of *Cloudſley*, the *Churl* & the *Burd*, the *ſeaven wiſe Maſters*, the *Wife* lapt in a *Morels ſkin*, the *ſak full of Nuez*, the *Seargeaunt* that became a *Fryar*, *Skogan*, *Collyn Cloout*, the *Fryar* and the *boy*, *Elynor Rumming*, and the *Nutbrooun Maid*, with many moe then I rehears heere; I beleeve hee have them all at his fingers endz.

Then in Philoſophy, both Morall and Naturall, I think hee be as naturally overſeen; beſide *Poetrie* and *Aſtronomie*, and oother hid *Sciences*, az I may geſſe by the Omberty of his Books; whearof part, az I remember, The *Sheperds Kalendar*, The *Ship* of *Fools*, *Danielz Dreamz*, the *Book* of *Fortune*, *Stans puer ad Menſam*, The bye wey to the *Spitl-houſe*, *Julian* of *Brainford's Teſtament*, the *Caſtle* of *Love*, the *Booget* of *Demaunds*, the *Hundred Mery Talez*, the *Book* of *Riddels*, the *Seaven Sororz* of *Wemen*, The *prooud Wives Pater-Noſter*, the *Chapman* of a *Peniwoorth* of *Wit*: Beſide hiz Auncient Playz, *Yooth* & *Charitee*, *Hikſkorner*, *Nugize*, *Impacient Poverty*, & heerwith *Doctor Boords*

Breviary

Breviary of *Health.* What ſhoold I rehearz heer, what a bunch of Ballets and Songs, all Auncient; as *Broom broom* on *Hil, So Wo iz me begon, trolly lo. Over a Whinny Meg, Hey ding a ding, Bony laſs upon a green, My bony on gave me a bek. By a bank az I lay:* and too more he hath fair wrapt up in Parchment, and bound with a Whip-cord. And az for Almanaks of Antiquitee, (a point for *Ephemerides*) I ween he can ſheaw from *Jaſper Laet* of *Antwarp* unto *Noſtradam* of *Frauns,* and thens untoo oour *John Securiz* of *Salſbury.* To ſtay ye no longer herein, I dare ſay hee hath az fair a Library of theez Sciencez, and az many goodly Monuments both in Proze and Poetry, and at afternoonz can talk az much without book, az ony Inholder betwixt *Brainford* and *Bagſhot,* what degree ſoever he be.

Beſide thiz, in the field a good Marſhall at muſters; of very great Credite and truſt in the Toun here; for he haz been chozen Ale-cunner many a Yeer, when hiz betterz have ſtond by; and ever quited himſelf with ſuch eſtimation, az yet too taſt of a Cup of *Nippitate,* hiz judgement will be taken a-

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bove the beſt in the Pariſh, be hiz noze near ſo read.

Captain Cox cam marching on valiantly before, cleen truſt and gartered above the knee, all freſh in a Velvet Cap *(Maſter Golding* a lent it him,) flooriſhing with hiz ton ſwoord: and another fens maſter with him: Thus in the forward making room for the reſt. After them, proudly prickt on formoſt the *Daniſh* launce knights on hoſbak, and then the *Engliſh:* Each with their Alder pole martially in their hand. Eeven at the firſt entree, the meeting waxt ſum-what Warm; that bye and bye kindled with corage a both ſidez, grue from a hot ſkirmiſh unto a blazing Battail: firſt by ſpeare and ſhield, outragious in their racez as ramz at their rut; with furious encoounterz, that togyther they tumbl too the duſt, ſumtime hors and man, and after fall too it with ſworde and target, good bangz a both ſidez. The fight ſo ceaſſing, but the Battail not ſo ended folloed the Footmen; both by the Hoſtes ton after toother; firſt marching in ranks; then Warlik turning; then fro ranks into ſquadrons; then intoo triangles; fro that into rings, and ſo winding oout again. A valiant *Captain*

The Coventree Play.

Captain of great prowez az fiers az a fox aſſauting a gooz, waz ſo hardy to give the firſt ſtroke: then get they gryſly togyther, that great was the Activitee that day too beſeen thear a both ſidez: ton very eager for purchaz of pray, toother utterly ſloout for redemption of Libertie: thus, quarrell enflamed fury a both ſidez: Twiſe the *Danes* had the better, but at the laſt conflict, beaten doun, overcom, and many led captive for triumph by our *Engliſh* Weemen.

This was the effect of this Sheaw; that az it waz handled, made mooch matter of good Paſtime: brought all indeed into the great Coourt, een under her highnes windo too have ſeen: but (az unhappy it waz for the Bride) that cam thither too ſoon, (and yet waz it a four a Clok.) for her highnes beholding in the Chamber delectabl dauncing indeed, and heerwith the great throng and unrulineſs of the people, waz cauz that this ſolemnitee of Brideale and dauncing, had not the full muſter was hoped for; and but a littl of the *Coventree* Pley her highnes alſo ſaw, commaunded therefore on the *Tuiſday* folloing to have it full oout: az accordingly it waz prezented; whereat her

her *Majeſty* laught well: They wear the Jocunder, and ſo mooch the more, becauz her highnes had given them too Buckes and five Marke in mony, to make mery togyther: They prayed for her *Majeſty*, long, happily to reign, and oft to cum thither, that oft they moought ſee her: and what, triumphing upon the good acceptauns, they vaunted their Play was never ſo dignified, nor ever any Players before ſo beatified.

Thus, tho' the Day took an end, yet ſlipt not the night all ſleeping awey: for az neyther Offis nor obſequie ceaſſed at any time too the full, to perform the Plot his Honor had appoynted: So after ſupper waz thear a Play of a very good Theam preſented, but ſo ſet foorth, by the Actours well handling, that pleazure and mirth made it ſeem very ſhort, tho' it laſted too good oourz & more. But ſtay *Maſter Martyn*, all iz not doon yet.

After the Play, oout of hand folloed a moſt delicioous and (if I may ſo terme it) an Ambroſiall Banket: whearof, whither I might more muze at the deintyneſſe, ſhapez, and the coſt; or elſe at the variete and num-

ber of the disshes (that wear a three hundred) for my part I coold littl tell them; and now less I assure yoo. Her *Majesty* eat smally or nothing: which understood; the Coorsez wear not so Orderly served and sizely set dooud, but wear by and by as disorderly wasted and coorsly consumed; more courtly me thought than curteously: But that was no part of the matter; moought it pleaz and be liked, and do that it cam for, then was all well inough.

Untoo this Banket thear was appoynted a Mask: for riches of Aray, of an incredibl cost: but the time so far spent, and very late in the night now, was cauz that it cam not foorth to the sheaw: And thus for *Sondayz* season, having stayd yoo the longer, according to the matter, heer make I an eend: Ye maye breath yee a while.

Munday, 10. *Munday* the eyghteenth of this *July*, the Weather being hot, her highnes kept the *Castl* for coolness, 'till about five a Clok, her *Majesty* in the Chase hunted the Hart (as afore) of fors: that whyther wear it by the cunning of the Huntsmen, or by the natural desyre of the Deer, or els by both; anon he

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gat him to ſoyl agayne, which reyzed the accuſtomed delight: a Paſtime indeede ſo intyrely pleazaunt, az whearof at times whoo may have the full and free fruition, can find no more facietee (I ween) for a Recreation, then of theyr good Viaundes at timez for their ſuſtentation.

Well, the Game was gotten; and her Highnes returning, cam thear, upon a ſwimming Mermayd, (that from top too tayl waz an eyghteen foot long,) *Triton Neptune's* blaſter: whoo, with his Trumpet foormed of a Wrinkld Wealk, az her *Majeſty* waz in ſight, gave ſoound very ſhrill & ſonoroous, in ſign he had an Ambaſſy too pronoouns. Anon her highnes was cummen upon the bridge, whearunto he made hiz Fiſh to ſwim the ſwifter; and he then declared——"How "the ſupreame ſalſipotent Monarch *Neptune*, "the great *God* of the ſwelling Seas, Prins "of Profunditees, and Sooverain Segnior of "al Lakez, freſh Waterz, Riverz, Creekez "and Goolphs; Underſtanding how a cruel "*Knight*, one *Syr Bruce Sans Pitee*, a mor-"tal Enemy untoo *Ladiz* of eſtate; had "long lien about the banks of this Pool in "wayt with his bands, heer to diſtreſs the

" *Lady* of the *Lake*, whearby ſhe hath been
" reſtrayned not only from having any uſe of
" her Ancient Liberty & territoriez in theeze
" parts; but alſo of making repayr and giving
" attendauns unto yoo Nobl *Queen* (quo' he)
" az ſhe woold: ſhe promiſt, and alſo ſhoold;
" dooth therefoer ſignify, and heerto, of yoo
" az of his good Leag and deer freend make
" this Requeſt, that ye will deyn but too
" ſheaw yoor Parſon toward this Pool;
" whearby yoor only prezens ſhall be mat-
" ter ſufficient of abandoning this uncurteſs
" *Knight*, and putting all his Bands too
" flight, and alſo deliveraunce of the *Lady*
" oout of this thralldom."

Mooving heerwith from the Bridge, and fleeting more into the Pool, chargeth he in *Neptune's* name both *Eolus* with all his Windez, the Waterz with his Springez, his Fyſh and Fooul, and all his Clients in the ſame, that they ne be ſo hardye in any fors to ſtur, but keep them Calm and quiet while this *Queen* be prezent. At which petition, her Highneſs ſtaying, it appeerd ſtraight hoow *Syr Bruce* became unſeen, his Bands ſkaled, and the *Lady* by and by, with her two *Nymphs* floating upon her moovable

Ilands

Ilands (*Triton* on his Mermaid ſkimming by,) approched toward her highnes on the Bridge;——as well too declare that her *Majeſtiez* prezens hath ſo graciouſlie thus wrought her deliverauns, az allſo to excuze her not comming to Coourt az ſhe promiſt, and cheefly to prezent her *Majeſtie* (as a token of her Duty and good hart) for her highneſs recreation, with this Gift; which was *Arion* that excellent and famous Muzicien, in tyre and appointment ſtraunge well ſeeming too his Parſon, ryding alofte upon his old freend the Dolphin, (that from hed too tayl waz a foour and twenty foot long,) and ſwymd hard by theez *Ilands*. Heerwith, *Arion*, for theez great Benefitez, after a feaw well coouched woords unto her *Majeſty* of thankſgiving, in ſupplement of the ſame; began a delectabl Ditty of a Song well apted to a melodious noiz; compoounded of ſix ſeveral Inſtruments, all covert, caſting ſoound from the Dolphin's belly within; *Arion*, the ſeaventh, ſitting thus ſinging (az I ſay) without.

Noow Syr, the Ditty in meeter ſo aptly endighted to the matter, and after by Voys ſo delicioouſly deliver'd; The Song, by a ſkilfull

ſkilfull Artiſt into hiz parts ſo ſweetlie ſorted; each part in his Inſtrument ſo clean and ſharpely touched; Every Inſtrument agayn in hiz kind ſo excellently tunabl; and this in the Eeving of the day, reſoounding from the Calmm Waters, whear prezens of her *Majeſty*, and longing to liſten had utterly damped all noiz and din; the whole Armony conveyd in tyme tune and temper thus incomparably Melodious; with what pleazure *(Maſter Martyn)* with what ſharpneſs of Conceyt, with what lively delighte this mought pearce into the hearers harts; I pray ye imagin yoor ſelf az ye may; for ſo *God* judge me, by all the Wit and Cunning I have, I cannot expreſs, I promis yoo. " Mais ieo bien vieu cela Monſieur, que " forte grande eſt la pouvoyr qu' avoit la " tres nobl Science de Muſique ſur les eſprites " humains. Perceive ye me? I have told ye a great matter noow: As for me, ſurely I was lull'd in ſuch liking, and ſo loth too leave off, that mooch a doo a good while after, had I, to ſynde me whear I waz. And take ye this by the way, that for the ſmall Skyl in Muzik, that *God* hath ſent me (ye kno it iz ſumwhat) ile ſet the more by my ſelf while my name is *Laneham*;

and

and Grace a *God*, a Muzik iz a Nobl Art!

A, ſtay a while, ſee a ſhort wit: by trooth I had almoſt forgot. This daye waz a day of Grace beſide, whearin wear avaunced five Gentlemen of woorſhippe unto the degree of *Knighthood; Sir Thomas Cecyl*, ſun and heyr untoo the right honorabl the *Lord Treazorer*, *Syr Henry Cobham*, broother unto the *Lord Cobham*, *Syr Thomas Stanhop*, *Syr Arthur Baſſet*, and *Syr Thomas Treſham*. and alſo, by her highnes accuſtumed mercy and charitee, nyne cured of the peynfull and daungerous deſeaz called the *King's Evill*; for that *Kings* and *Queens* of this *Realm*, withoout oother medſin (ſave only by handling prayerz) only doo cure it: Bear with me, tho' perchaunce I place not thoz Gentlmen in my recitall heer, after theyr eſtatez; for I am neyther good Heraud of Armes, nor yet kno hoow they are ſet in the Subſidy bookez: men of great woorſhip I underſtand they are all. *Knights made.*

Tuiſday, according to commaundement, cam oour *Coventree* men. What their matter was, of her highnes myrth and good acceptauns, and Rewarde untoo them, and *Tuiſday*, 11.

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of their rejoyſing thearat, I ſheawd you afore, and ſo ſay the leſs noow.

Wedneſd. 12. *Wedneſday* in the forenoon, preparacion was in hand for her *Majeſty* to have ſupt in *Wedgenall*, a three Myle weſt from the *Caſtl.* A goodly Park of the *Queenz Majeſtiez:* For that cauz a fair pavilion, and other proviſion accordingly thither ſent and prepared: but by meanz of Weather not ſo cleerly diſpozed, the matter waz countermaunded again: That had her highnes hapned this daye too have cummen abrode, there was made reddy a Deviſe of *Godeſſez & Nymphes,* which az well for the ingenious argument, az for the well handling of it in rime and endighting, woold undooutedly have gaind great lyking and mooved no leſs delight: Of the Particulariteez whearof I ceas to entreat, leaſt like the boongling Carpentar, by miſſorting the peecez, I mar a good frame in the bad ſetting up; or by my bad tempring afore hand, embleamiſhe the beauty, when it ſhoold be rear'd up indeed. A This Day allſo waz thear ſuch earneſt tallk and appointment of remooving, that I gave over my Noteing, and harkened after my hors.

Now call'd Wedgnock park. J. G.

Mary

Mary ſyr, I muſt tell yoo; Az all endeavoour waz to moove mirth and Paſtime (az I tolld ye:) Eeven ſo a ridiculoous Deviſe of an Auncient Minſtrell and his Song, waz prepared to have been proffer'd, if meete time and place had been foound for it. Ons, in a woorſhipful Company, whear, full appointed, he recoounted his matter in ſort az it ſhould have been uttered, I chaunſed to bee; what I noted, heer thus I tell yoo. *The Minſtrel.*

A Parſon very meet ſeemed he for the purpoze; of a XLV years olld, apparelled partly as he woold himſelf: Hiz Cap of hiz hed ſeemly rounded tonſter wyze; fayr kembd, that with a ſpoonge deintly dipt in a littl Caponz greas, waz finelye ſmoothed too make it ſhine like a Mallards wing. hiz beard ſmugly ſhaven; and yet his ſhyrt after the nu trink, with ruffs fayr ſtarched, ſleeked, and gliſtering like a payr of nu ſhooz: Marſhalld in good Order: wyth a ſtetting ſtick, and ſtoout that every ruff ſtood up like a wafer. A ſide gooun of Kendal green, after the freſhneſs of the year now; gathered at the Neck with a narro gorget faſtened afore with a white claſp and a keepar cloſe up to the Chin, but eaſily for heat too un-

doo when he liſt: ſeemly begyrt in a red Caddiz gyrdl; from that, a payr of capped *Sheffeld* knivez hanging a to ſide: Out of hiz bozom draune foorth a lappet of his Napkin, edged with a blu lace, and marked with a truloove, a hart, and *A. D.* for *Damian:* for he was but a bachelar yet.

His gooun had ſyde ſleevez dooun to midlegge, ſlit from the ſhooulder too the hand, and lined with white Cotten. His dooblet ſleevez of blak woorſted; upon them a payr of poynets of tawny Chamblet, laced a long the wreaſt wyth blu threeden points; a wealt toward the hand of fuſtian anapes: a payr of red neather ſtocks: a payr of Pumps on hiz feet, with a Croſs cut at the toze for Cornz; not nu indeede, yet cleanly blakt with ſoot, and ſhining az a ſhoing horn. Aboout his Neck, a red rebond ſutabl to his girdl: His Harp in good grace dependaunt before him; his wreaſt tyed to a green lace and hanging by: Under the gorget of his goound a fayr flagon cheyn of Pewter, (for Sylver;) as a *Squire Minſtrel* of *Middilſex*, that travaild the Cuntree thys ſoomer ſeaſon unto Fayrz, and woorſhipfull menz houzez. From hiz cheyn hoong a Schoochion, with met-

a Wreaſt, is a Tuneing hammer, or turn-Scrue.

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all and cooller reſplendant upon hiz breaſt, of the auncient Armes of *Iſlington:* Upon a queſtion whearof, he, az one that waz well School'd, & coold his leſſon parfit withoout booke too aunfwear at full, if queſtion wear aſkt hym, declared: "How the woorſhip-
" full Village of *Iſlington* in *Middelſex*, well
" knoen too bee one of the moſt auncient
" and beſt Toouns in *England* next *London*
" at thiz day; for the feythfull freendſhip of
" long time ſheawed, az well at *Cookez* feaſt
" in *Alderſgate-ſtreete* yeerely upon *Holly*
" *Rood day*, az allſo at all ſolem Bridealez
" in the Citie of *London* all the yeer after;
" in well ſerving them of furmenty for por-
" age, not overſod till it be too weak: of
" Mylk for theyr flawnez, not pild nor chalk-
" ed; of Cream for their Cuſtardes, not froth-
" ed nor thykned with floour: and of But-
" ter for their Paſtiez and Pye-paſte, not
" made of well Curds, nor gatherd of Whey
" in ſoommer, nor mingled in Winter with
" ſalt-butter watered or waſht; did obteyn
" long ago thez Woorſhipfull Armez in
" cooler and foorm az yee ſee: which are
" The Arms, A field Argent, as the field and *Iſlington Arms.*
" groound indeed whearin the Milk-wives
" of this woorthy Tooun, and every man

" els in his faculty, doth trade for his liv-
" ing. On a feſs tenny three Platez between
" three Milke tankerds proper. The three
" Milk Tankerds, az the proper Veſſell
" whearin the ſubſtaunce and matter of their
" trade is too and fro tranſported. The
" feſs tenny, which iz a cooler betokening
" dout and ſuſpition; ſo az ſuſpition and
" good heed taking, as wel to their Markets
" and Servants, as to their Cuſtomerz that
" they truſt not too farre; may bring unto
" them Platez, that iz Coynnd Sylver; three,
" that iz ſufficient and plentie; for ſo that
" Number in Armory may well ſignifie.

" For Creaſt, upon a Wad of Ote ſtrawe
" for a Wreath, a boll of furmenty: Wheat
" (az ye kno) iz the moſt precious Gift of
" *Ceres;* and in the midſt of it ſticking, a
The horn-ſpoons. " doozen of horn-ſpoonz in a bunch, az the
" Inſtruments meeteſt too eate furmenty por-
" age wythall: a doozen, az a number of
" plenty compleat for full cheere or a Ban-
" ket; and of Horn, az of a ſubſtauns more
" eſtimabl then iz made for a great deel;
" beeing nether ſo churliſh in weight, az
" iz mettal; nor ſo froward and brittl to
" manure, as ſtone; nor yet ſo ſoily in uſe

" nor

" nor roough to the lips, as wood is; but
" lyght, pliaunt, and ſmooth; that with a
" littl licking, wool alweyz be kept az
" clen az a dye. With yoor paciens *Gentle-*
" *men* (quoth the Minſtrel) be it ſaid; wear
" it not in deede that hornz bee ſo plentie,
" Hornware, I beleeve woold bee more ſet
" by than it iz; and yet ther arr in our parts
" that wyl not ſtick too avow, that many an
" honeſt man, both in Citee & Cuntree, hath
" had his hooufe by horning well upholden,
" and a daily freend allſo at need: And
" this with your favoour may I further
" affirm; a very ingenious Parſon waz hee,
" that for dignittee of the ſtuff, coold thus by
" ſpooning deviſe to advauns the horn ſo
" neer to the Head. With great congruens
" alſo wear theez horn-ſpoonz put too the
" Wheat; az a token and porcion of *Cornu-* *Ovid. Meta-*
" *copiæ*, the horn of *Achelous;* which the *morph. Lib. 9.*
" Maiades did fill with all good frutez, Corn
" and Grain; and after did conſecrate unto
" aboundauns and plenty.

" This Shoochion with Beaſtz, very aptly
" agreeing both to the Arms, and to the trade
" of the bearers; glorioouſly ſupported. Be-
" tween a gray Mare, (a beaſt meeteſt for
"carying

" carying of Milk tankards) her pannell on
" her bak, az alwaies reddy for ſervis at
" every Feaſt and Brideale at neede; her
" tayl ſplayd at moſt eaz; and her filly fole,
" fallow and flaxen mane after the ſyre.

" In the ſkro under-graven (quoth hee) iz
" thear a proper woord, an *Hemiſtichi*, well
" ſquaring with ail the reſt, taken out of
" *Salerns* chapter, of things that mooſt
Schola Salerni. " nooriſh mans Body: *Lac, Caſeus infans.*
" That iz, Good Milk, and young cheez.
" And thus mooch, *Gentlmen*, and pleaz you
" (quoth he) for the Armz of oour Woorſhip-
" ful Tooun:" and thearwithall made a manerly leg, and ſo held hiz Peaſe.

Az the Cumpany pawzed, and the Minſtrel ſeemde to gape after a praiz for hiz Beau parlea: and bicauz he had renderd hiz leſſon ſo well: Saiz a good fello of the Cumpany, "I am ſory to ſee how mooch
" the poore Minſtrel miſtakes the matter;
" for indeed the Armez are thus:

" Three Milk tankerds proper, in a fielde
" of cloouted Cream, three green cheeſez
" upon a ſhealf of Cake-bread. The Fyr-

" menty

" menty boll and horn ſpoonz: cauz their
" profit coms all by horned Beaſts. Support-
" ed by a Mare with a gald back, and thear-
" fore ſtill cooverd with a panniell, fiſking
" with her tail for flyez, and her filly Fole
" neying after the Dam for ſuk. This woord
" *Lac*, *Caſeus infans*, that iz, a freſh Cheez
" and Cream, and the common cry that
" theeze Milk-wives make in *London* ſtreets
" yeerly betwixt *Eaſter* and *Whitſontide:*
" and this iz the very matter I kno it well
" enough: and ſo ended hiz Tale and ſate
" him dooun again."

Heerat every man laught a good, ſave the Minſtrell: that thoogh the fooll wear made privy, all waz but for ſport, yet too ſee himſelf thus croſt with a contrary kue that hee lookt not for, woold ſtraight have ge'en over all; waxt very wayward, eager and ſoour: hoowbeit at laſte, by ſum entreaty, and many fair woordz, with ſak and ſuger, we ſweetned him againe: and after he becam az mery az a Py. Appeerez then a freſh, in hiz ful formalitee with a lovely loock: After three lowlie coourſiez, cleered his vois with a hem and reach, and ſpat oout withal; wiped hiz lips with the hollo

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of his hand, for fyling hiz napkin, temperd a ſtring or too with his wreaſt, and after a littl warbling on hiz Harp for a prelude, came foorth with a Sollem Song, warraunted for ſtory oout of *King Arthur's* Acts; The firſt booke, and 26 Chapter; whearof I gate a Copy: And that iz this: viz.

King Arthurs Book.

[*The Minſtrell's Sonnett.*]

So it befell upon a Pentecoſt day,
When *King Arthur* at Camelot kept Coourt rial,
With his cumly *Queen* dame Gaynoour the gay,
And many bolld Barons fitting in hall;
Ladies apparaild in Purpl and Pall.
When Herauds in hukes herried full by
Largeſs Largeſs Chevaliers treſhardy.

A doouty Dwarf too the uppermoſt deas
Right peartly gan prik, and kneeling on knee,
With ſteeven full ſtoout amids all the preas,
Said hail *Syr King*, *God* thee ſave and ſee;
King Ryens of *Northgalez* greeteth well thee,
And bids that thy beard anon thou him ſend,
Or els from thy jawz he will it of rend.

For his robe of ſtate, a rich ſkarlet mantell,
With a leaven *Kings* beards bordred aboout,
He hath made late, and yet in a cantell

Iz leaſt a place the twelth to make oout,
Whear thien muſt ſtand bee thou never ſo ſtoout;
This muſt bee doon I tell thee no fabl,
Mawgre the poour of all thy round tabl.

When this mortal Meſſage from hiz mouth waz paſt,
Great waz the brute in Hall and in Boour,
The *King* fumed, the *Queen* ſhriked, *Ladiez* wear agaſt,
Princes puſt, *Barnz* bluſtered, *Lordz* began too loour,
Knightz ſtampt, *Squirez* ſtartld az ſteedz in a ſtoour.
Yeemen and *Pages* yeald oout in the Hall,
Thearwith cam in *Syr Kay* of *Seneſhall*.

Sylens my ſuffrainz quoth the courteyz *Knight*.
And in that ſtoound the chearm becam ſtill,
The *Dwafs* dynner full deerly waz dight,
For wine and waſtell hee had at hiz will;
And when he had eaten and fed hiz fill,
One hundred peeces of coyned gould,
Wear given the *Dwarf* for hiz meſſage bolld.

Say too *Syr Ryens* thou *Dwarf* quoth the *King*,
That for his proud meſſage I him defy,
And ſhortly with baſins and panz will him ring
Oout of *Northgalez*, whearaz hee and I
With Sweards and no razerz ſhall utterly try
Which of us both iz the better Barber:
And thearwith, he ſhook hiz ſword *Excalaber!*

At this the Minſtrell made a pauz and a curtezy, for primus paſtus. More of the Song iz thear, but I gat it not. Az for the matter, had it cum to the Sheaw, I think the Fello would have handled it well ynoough.

Her Highneſs tarryed at *Kyllingwoorth* tyll the *Wedneſday* after, being the 27 of this *July*, and the *Ninteenth* (incluſive) of her *Majeſtiez* cumming thither. For which ſeven daiz, perceyving my notez ſo ſlenderly aunſwering, I tooke it leſs blame too ceas, and thearof to write yoo nothing at al, then in ſuch matterz to write nothing likely: And ſo mooch the rather, (az I have well bethooght me) that if I dyd but ruminate the dayz I have ſpoken of, I ſhall bring oout yet ſumwhat moor meet for yoor appetite, (thoogh a deinty tooth have ye) which I beleve yoor tender ſtomach will brook well inoogh.

The Seavens. Whearof part iz fyrſt hoow according to her highnes name *Elizabeth*, which I heer ſay oout of the Hebru ſignifieth (amoong ɔother) the *Seaventh of my God:* diverz .hings heer, did ſoo juſtly in number ſquare with the ſame. Az fyrſt, her highneſs hither cumming

cumming in this ſeaventh moonth: then, prezented with the ſeaven Prezents of the Seaven *Gods:* And after, with the Melody of the ſeaven ſorted Muzik in the Dollphin, the Lake-Ladiez gyft. Then too conſider, how fully the *Gods* (az it ſeemed) had conſpyred moſt magnificently in aboundauns too beſtow theyr influencez and gyfts upon her coourt thear to make her *Majeſty* merry.

Saturn, and Pallas.

Sage *Saturn* himſelf in parſon (that bycauz of hiz lame leg coold not ſo well ſtur) in chayr thearfore too take order with the grave Officerz of Houſehold, holpen indeed with the good adviſe of hiz prudent Nees *Pallas:* That no unruly body or diſquiet diſturb the nobl aſſemblee, or els be ons ſo bolld too enter within the *Caſtl* gatez. Awey with all raſcalls, captivez, melancholik, waiward, froward, Conjurerz, and Uſurers, and to have laborers and underwoork men for the beautifying of oney place, alwey at hand az they ſhoold be commaunded.

Jupiter.

Jupiter ſent Parſonages of hy honor and dignitee: *Barons, Lords, Ladies, Juges, Biſhops, Lawyerz, Doctors:* With them, Vertu, Noblneſs, equitee, Liberalitee, and

compaſſion: due Seazon, and fayr weather: ſaving that at the petition of hiz deer ſiſter *Ceres*, he graunted a day or two of ſum ſweet ſhoourz, for rypening of her Corn that waz ſo well ſet, and too ſet forward Harveſt. Heerwith, beſtoed he ſuch plenty of pleazaunt Thunder, Lightning, and thunderbolts, by his halting ſun and ſyermaſter *Vulcan*, ſtill freſh and freſh framed: alweyz ſo frequent, ſo intellabl, and of ſuch continuauns in the ſpending (az I partly tolld ye) conſumed, that ſurely he ſeemz to be az of Poor ineſtimabl: ſo, in ſtore of municion, unwaſtabl; for all *Ovid's* cenſure, that ſaiz

Si quoties peccant homines ſua fulmina mittat *Jupiter*, exiguo tempore inermis erit.

If *Jove* ſhoold ſhoot his Thunderbolts az oft az men offend,
Aſſure you iz Artillary wold ſoon be at at an end!

What a number of Eſtatez and of Nobilitee had *Jupiter* aſſembled thear, geſs ye by thys, that of ſort woorſhipfull thear wear in the coourt dayly aboove fourty, whearof the meyeneſt, of a thouzand mark yeerly revenu, and many of mooch more. This great gyft byſide, did hiz deitee caſt upon her highnes, too have fayr and ſeazonabl weather at her ooun appointment; According whearunto her *Majeſty* ſo had. For her gracious prezens thearfore with this great gift indewed,

Lichfeeld,

Lichfeeld, Worceter, and *Middelton,* with manye places mo, made humbl ſute untoo her hignes too cum: too ſuch whearof az her *Majeſty* coold, it cam, and they ſeazon acceptabl.

Phœbus, biſide his continuall and moſt delicious Muzik, (az I have toold yoo) appointed he Princes too adourn her highnes Coourt, Coounſelerz, Herauds, and ſanguine Youth, pleazaunt & mery, coſtlye garments, learned Phizicianz, and no need of them. *Phœbu.*

Juno, Golld Cheynez, Ouchez, Jewels of gret price and rich attire, woorn in mooch grace, and good beſeeming, without pryde, or emulacion of ony. *Juno.*

Mars, Captainz of good Conduct, Men ſkylfull in feats of Armz, pollitik in ſtratagems, good Coorage in good Quarelz, Valiant and Wizehardy: abandoning pikquarrells and ruffians: appoynting alſo purſyvaunts, Currars, and Poſts, ſtill feeding her highnes with Nuze and intelligencez from all parts. *Mars.*

Venus, Untoo the Ladiez & Gentlwemen, Beauty, good favor, Cumlineſs, galant attyre, dauncing with cumly grace, ſweet vois in ſong & pleazaunt talk, with expreſs commaundment and charge untoo her ſunn on her *Venus.*

her Bleſſing, that he ſhoot not a ſhaft in the Coourt all the while her highnes remayned at *Killingwoorth.*

Mercuri. *Mercury,* Learned men in Sciences, Poets, Merchaunts, Painterz, Karverz, Playerz, Engynerz, Devyſerz, and dexteritee in handling of all pleazaunt attempts.

Luna. *Luna,* Callm nights for quiet reſt, and ſylver moonſhine, that nightly in deed ſhone for moſt of her *Majeſtiez* beeing thear.

Plutus. Blind *Plutus,* Bags of Moony, Cuſtumerz, Exchaungers, Bankers, ſtore of riches in Plate and in Coyn.

Bacchus. *Bacchus,* Full Cups every whear, every oour, of all Kynds of Wyne. Thear waz no deintee that the Sea coold yeeld, but *Neptune* (thoough his Reign at the neereſt ly well ny a hundred mile of) did dayly ſend in great plenty, ſweet and freaſh. As for freaſh-water fiſh, the ſtore of all ſorts waz aboundaunt.

Ceres. And hoow bountifull *Ceres* in provizion waz, geſs ye by this, that in lytel more then a three dayz ſpace, 72 tunn of Ale and Beer was pyept up quite: what that mighte whilſt with it of Bread beſide Meat, I report me to yoo: and yet *Maſter Controller, Maſter Coferar,* and diverz Officers of the Coourt,

ſum

ſum honorabl, and ſundrye right woorſhipfull placed at *Warwik*, for more rooum in the *Caſtl*. But heer waz no ho *Maſter Martin* in devoout drinking allwey; that brought lak unlookt for; whiche being knoen too the Woorſhipfull my *Lords* good Neighboorz, cam thear in a too dayz ſpace, from ſundry friendz, a releef of a XL Tunn, 'till a nu ſupply waz gotten agayn: and then too oour drinking a freſhe az faſt az ever we did.

Flora, Abrode and within the hooufe, miniſtred of Flourz ſo great a quantitee, of ſuch ſweet Savoour, ſo beautifully hued, ſo large and fayr proporcion, and of ſo ſtraunge kindez and ſhapez, that it waz great pleaſure too ſee: and ſo mooch the more, az thear waz great ſtore yet counterfet, and foormed of featherz by Art; lyke glorioous too the ſheaw az wear the naturall. *Flora.*

Portheus, Hiz Tumbler that coold by nimblneſs caſt himſelf into ſo many foorms and facionz. *Portheus.*

Pan, His merry morrys dauns with theyr Pype and taber. *Pan.*

Bellona, Her Quintine knights, and proper Bickerings of the *Coventree* men. *Bellona.*

Polyphemus, *Neptunez* ſun and heyr: (let him I pray, and if it be but for his father's ſake *Polyphemus.*

ſake, and for hiz good will, be allowed for a *God*,) with his Bearz, his Bearwhealps and Bandogs.

Æolus. *Æolus*, Holding up hiz Windz, while her Highnes at any tyme took pleazure on the Water, and ſtaying of Tempeſts during abode heer.

Sylvanus. *Sylvanus*, Beſide hiz plentifull provizion of fooul for deynty Viaunds, his pleazaunt and ſweet ſinging Byrds: whearof I will ſheaw yoo more anon.

Echo. *Echo*, Her well endighted Dialog.

Faunus. *Faunus*, His Jolly Savage.

Genius loci. *Genius loci*, His tempring of all things within and without, with apt time and place to pleazure and delight.

Charites. Then the three *Charites:* [or Graces:] *Aglaia*, with her lightſum gladnes. *Thalia*, her flooriſhing freſhnes, *Euphroſyne*, her cheerfulnes of Spirite, and with theſe three *Concordia*, with her Amitee and good agreement. That too hoow great effects their powrs wear powred oout hear among us, iet it bee judged by this, that by a multytude thus met of a three or foour thouſand every day: and diverz dayz more, of ſo ſundry degreez, profeſſionz, Agez, Appetytz, diſpozitions

pozitions and affectionz; such a drifte of tyme waz thear passed, with such amitee, loove, pastime, agreement, and obediens whear it shoold; and without Quarrell, jarring, grudging, or (that I coold hear) of yll woord between any. A thing *Master Martin* very rare and straunge, and yet no more straunge then tru.

The *Parcæ*, (as earst I shoold have said) the first night of her *Majestiez* cumming, they heering and seeing so precioous ado heer at a place unlookt for, in an uplondish Cuntree so far within the Ream: preassing intoo every steed whear her highnes went, whearby so duddld with such varietee of delyghts, did set aside their Hufwifrye, and coold not for their harts tend their Work a whyt. But after they had seen her *Majesty* a bed, gat them a prying into every place: Olld Hags! az fond of Nuellties, az yoong girls that had never seen Coourt afore: but neyther full with gazing, nor weary with gadding; leaft off yet for that time, and at high midnight gate them gigling, (but not a looud) into the prezens chamber: minding indeed with their prezent diligens, too recompens their former slaknes. *The Parcæ*

So, ſetting themſelvez thus dooun too their woork, Alas! Sayz *Atropos*, I have loſt my Sheerz: *Lacheſis* laught apace and woold not draw a threed: And think ye damez that ile hoold the diſtaff, whyle both ye ſit idle? why no, by my Moother's ſoll quoth *Clotho*. Thearwith fayr lapt in a fine lawn the Spindel and rok, that waz dizend with pure purpl ſylk, layd they ſafely up toogyther: That other *Majeſtiez* diſtaff, for an eighteen dayz, thear waz not a thread Spoon I aſſure you. The too Syſters after that (I hard ſay) began their woork again that long may they continu: but *Atropos* hard no tyding of her Sheers, and not a man that moned her loſs. Shee iz not beloved ſurely; for this can I tell yoo, that whither it bee for hate too the Hag, or loove to her Highneſs, or els for both; every man prayz *God* ſhe may never find them for that woork, and ſo pray I daily and duly with the devouteſte.

Thus partly ye perceyve now, hoow greatly the *Gods* can do for mortals, and hoow mooch alwey they loove whear they like: that what a gentl *Jove* waz thys, thus curteooſly too contrive heer ſuch a treyn of

Gods?

Gods? Nay then rather *Maſter Martin* (to cum oout of oour Poeticaliteez, and too talk no more ſerioous tearms,) what a magnificent *Lord* may we juſtly account him, that cold ſo highli caſt order for ſuch a *Jupiter* and all hiz Gods beſid: That none with hiz influens, good property or prezent wear wanting; but alweiz redy at hand, in ſuch order and aboundans for the honoring and delight of ſo high a Prins, oour moſt gracious *Queen* and Soverain. A Prins (I ſay) ſo ſinguler in preeminence, and worthines aboove al other Princez and digniteez of oour time: thoogh I make no compariſon too yearz paſt, to him that in this point, either of ignorauns,——(if any ſuch can be,) or els of malevolens woold make any doout: fit liber Indez (as they ſay) let him look on the matter, and aunſwer himſelf, he haz not far to travell.

Az for the amplitude of his *Lordſhips* mynde, albeit that I poor ſoll can in conceit no more attain untoo, then judge of a Gem whearof I have no ſkill: ye, thoogh dayly worn and reſplendant in myne Ey: Yet ſum of the Vertuze and propertiez thearof, in quantitee or qualitee ſo apparaunt az can-

not be hidden but seen of all men, moought I be the boolder to reaport hereunto yoo: but as for the valu, yoor jewellers by their carrets let them cast and they can.

Kenelworth Castle describ'd. And fyrst, who that considerz untoo the Stately seat of *Kenelwoorth Castl*, the rare beauty of Bilding that hiz Honor hath avaunced; all of the hard quarry stone: every room so spacioous, so well belighted, and so hye roofed within: so seemly too sight by due proportion without: a day tyme on every side so glittering by glasses; a nights, by continuall brightnesse of Candel, syre, and torch-light transparent thro the lyghtsom wyndoz, az it wear the *Egiptian Pharos* relucent untoo all the *Alexandrian* Coast: or els, (too talke merily with my mery freend,) thus radiaunt, az thoogh *Phœbus* for hiz eaz woold rest him in the *Castl*, and not every night so to travel dooun untoo the *Antipodes*. Heertoo so fully furnisht of rich Apparell and Utensilez apted in all pointes to the best.

The Garden. Untoo thiz, hiz honorz exquisit appointment of a beautiful Garden, an Aker or more of quantitee, that lyeth on the North thear: Whearin hard all along the *Castl* wall

wall iz reared a pleazaunt Terras of a ten foot hye, and twelve brode; eeven under foot, and freſh of fyne Graſs; az is alſo the ſyde thearof toward the Gardien, in whiche, by ſundry equall diſtauncez: With Obeliſks and ſphearz, and white Bearz, all of ſtone upon theyr curioous baſez, by goodly ſhew wear ſet: too theez, too fine arbers redolent by ſweet trees and floourz, at ech end one, the garden plot under that, with fayr alleyz green by graſs, eeven voided from the borderz a both ſydez, and ſum (for chaunge) with ſand, not light or too ſoft or ſoilly by duſt, but ſmooth and fyrme, pleaſaunt too walk on, az a ſea-ſhore when the Water iz availd: then, much gracified by du proporcion of four eeven quarterz: In the midſt of each, upon a baſe a two foot ſquare, and hye, ſeemly borderd of it ſelf, a ſquare pilaſterrizing pyramidally of a fyfteen foot hye: Simmetrically peerced through from a foot beneath, untill a too foot of the top: whearupon, for a Capitell, an Orb of a ten inches thik: Every of theez, (with hiz baſe,) from the groound too the top, of one hole peece; heawen out of hard porphiry, and with great art and heed (think me) thyther conveyd and thear erected. Whearat,

further

further allſo, by great caſt and coſt, the ſweetneſs of ſavoour on all ſidez, made ſo reſpiraunt from the redolent plants and fragrant earbz and floourz, in foorm, cooler, and quantitee ſo deliciouſly variant; and frute treez bedecked with their Applz, Peares and ripe Cherryez.

The Cage, or Aviary.

And unto theez, in the midſt, agaynſt the Terres, a ſquare Cage, ſumptuoous and beautifull, joyned hard to the north wall (that a that ſide gards the Garden, as the Gardein the *Caſtl)* of a rare form and excellency was reyzed: in heyth a twentye foot, thyrty long, and a foourteen brode. From the ground ſtrong and cloſe, reared breaſt hye, whearat a ſoyl of a fayr moolding was coouched all aboout: from that upward, foour great Wyndoz a froont, and too at each eend, every one a five foot wyde az many mo eeven above them, divided on all parts by a tranſam and architrave, ſo likewize raunging aboout the Cage. Each Windo arched in the top, and parted from oother eeven diſtauns by flat fayr bolteld columns, all in foorm and beauty like, that ſupported a cumly corniſh couched al along upon the bole ſquare. Which with a wire net,

net, finly knit, of maſhez ſix ſquare, an inch wide (az it wear for a flat roof) and likewyſe the ſpace of every Windo with great cunning and cumlineſs, eeven and tight waz all over-ſtrained. Under the Corniſh again, every part beautifyed with great Diamons, Emerauds, Rubyes, and Saphyres: poynted, tabld, rok and roo, and garniſht with their golld, by ſkilful hed and hand, and by toile and penſil ſo lyvely expreſt, az it mought bee great marveil and pleazure to conſider how neer excellency of Art could approch untoo perfection of Nature.

Bear with me good cuntreeman, thoogh thingez be not ſheeawd heer az well az I woold, or az well az they ſhoold. for indeed I can better imagin and conceyve that I ſee, then well utter or duly declare it. Holez wear thear alſo and caverns in orderly diſtauns and facion, voyded intoo the wall az well for heat, for coolnes, for rooſt a nightz and refuge in weather, az allſo for breeding when tyme iz. More, fayr eeven and freſh hollye treez for pearching & proining, ſet within, tooward each eend one.

Heerto, their diverſitee of meats, their fine

fine feveral veſſels for their water and fundry grainz; and a man ſkilful & diligent to looke to them and tend them.

But ſhall I tell yoo the ſilver ſoounded Lute, withoout the ſweet toouch of hand: the glorioous goollden cup, withoout the freſh fragrant wine, or the rich ring with gem, without the fayr feawtered finger; is nothing indeed in his proper grace and uſe: even ſo his Honor accounted of this Manſion, 'till he had plaſt thear tenauntes according. Had it thearfore repleniſhte with lively Burdz, *Engliſh*, *French*, *Spaniſh*, *Canarian*, and (I am deceaved if I ſaw not ſum) *African*. Whearby, whither it becam more delightſum in chaunge of tunez, and armony too the Eare; or els in differens of coolerz, kindez, and propertyez too the Ey, Ile tell yoo If I can, when I have better bethought me.

The Gardiner. One day *(Maſter Martin)* az the Gardin door waz open, and her highnes a hunting, by licens of my good freend *Adrian*, I cam in at a bek, but woold ſkant oout with a thruſt: for ſure I waz loth ſo ſoon to depart. Well may this *(Maſter Martyn)* bee ſumwhat

too

too magnitude of mynde, but more thearof az ye ſhall kno, more cauz ye ſhall have ſo to think: heer out what I tell yoo, and tell me when we meet.

In the Center (az it wear) of this goodly Gardein, waz theer placed a very fayr Foountain, caſt intoo an eight ſquare, reared a four foot hye; from the midſt whearof a colum up ſet in ſhape of too Athlants joined togeather a back half; the toon looking Eaſt, toother Weſt, with theyr hands upholldìng a fayr formed Boll of a three foot over; from wheance ſundrye fine Pipez did lively diſtill continuall ſtreamz intoo the receyt of the foountayn,——maiteyned ſtill too foot deep by the ſame freſh falling Water: whearin pleazaunly playing too and fro, and round about, Carp, Tench, Bream, and for Varietee, Pearch and Eel, fiſh fayr liking all, and large: In the top, the ragged Staff; which, with the Boll, the Pillar, and eyght ſidez beneath, wear all heawen oout of rich and hard white marbl. A one ſyde, *Neptune* wyth hiz Tridental Fuſkin triumphing in his Throne, trayled into the Deep by his marine horſez. On another, *Thetis* in her Chariot drawn by her Dolphins. Then *The Fountain.*

Triton by hiz Fiſhez. Heer *Protheus* herding hiz Sea buls. Thear *Doris* and her doughterz ſolacing a ſea & ſandz. The Wavez ſoourging with froth and ſome, entermengled in place, with Whalez, Whirlpoolz, Sturgeonz, Tunneyz, Conchs, and Wealks, all engraven by exquiſit devize and ſkill, ſo az I maye thinke this not much inferioour untoo *Phœbus* gatez, which *(Ovid* ſayz) and peradventur a pattern to this, that *Vulcan* himſelf dyd cut: whearof ſuch waz the excellency of Art, that the woork in valu ſurmoounted the ſtuff, and yet wer the gatez all of clean maſſy ſylver.

Metam. 2.

Heer wear thinges ye ſee moought inflame ony mynde too long after looking: but whoo ſo was found ſo hot in deſyre, with the wreaſt of a cok waz ſure of a coolar: water ſpurting upward with ſuch vehemency, az they ſhoold by and by be moyſtned from top too toe; the Hee's to ſum laughing, but the ſhee's to more ſport: This ſumtime waz Occupied to very good paſtime.

A Garden then ſo appoynted, az whearin aloft upon ſweet ſhadoed walk of terras, in heat of ſoomer, too feel the pleazaunt whiſking

whiſking wynde above, or delectabl coolnes of the foountain ſpring beneath: to taſte of delicious Strawberiez, Cherryez, and oother frutez, eeven from their ſtalks: too ſmell ſuch fragrancy of ſweet Odoourz, breathing from the plants, earbs and floourz: too heer ſuch natural melodioous muzik and tunez of burdz: to have in Ey, for myrth ſumtime theez underſpringing ſtreamz: then, the Woods, the Waters, (for both pool and chaſe wer hard at hand in ſight,) the Deer, the Peepl (that oout of the Eaſt arber in the baſe Coourt, alſo at hande in view) the frute trees, the plants, the earbs, the floowers, the chaunge in coolerz, the Burds flyttering, the fountain ſtreaming, the Fyſh ſwymming, all in ſuch delectabl varietee order dignitee; whearby, at one moment, in one place, at hande, without travell, to have ſo full fruition of ſo many *God's* bleſſinges, by entyer delight unto all ſenſez (if al can take) at once: for *Etymon* of the woord woorthey to bee calld *Paradys:* and though not ſo goodly as as *Paradis* for want of the fayr Rivers, yet better a great deel by the lak of ſo unhappy a tree. Argument moſt certein of a right noble mynde, that in this ſorte coold have thus all contrived.

Paradiſus Græc. Hortus amæniſh. aut Hebrae. Pardes ideſt Hortus.

But *Maſter Martin*, yet one wyndleſs muſt I featch, too make ye one more fayr coorz and I can: and cauz I ſpeak of One, let me tell yoo a littl of the dignitee of One-hood; whearin allweys al by Deitee al Soveraintee, preeminens, principalitee and concord withoout poſſibilitee of diſagreement is conteyned: As One God, One Savioour, One Feith, One Prins, One Sun, One Phœnix; and az One of great Wizdom Sayz, One hart, One Wey. Whear One-hood reinz, ther quiet bears rule, and diſcord fliez a paſe. Three again may ſignify cumpany; a meeting, a multitude, pluralitee; ſo az all talez and numbrings from two unto three, and ſo upward, may well be counted numberz, 'till they moount untoo infinitee, or els too confuſion, which thing the ſum of two can never admit; nor it ſelf can well be coounted a number, but rather a freendly conjunction of two Ones; that keeping in a ſynceritee of accord, may purport untoo us Charitee each too Other; mutual Love, agreement and integritee of freendſhip without Diſſimulation. Az in theez: The two Teſtaments; the Two tables of the Law; The Two great Lights, Duo luminaria magna, the Sun and Moon. And, but mark a littl

The Number One.

I pray

I pray, and ſee how of all things in the World, oour toongs in talk doo alweys ſo redily trip upon Two's, Payrs, and Couples: Sumtymez az of things in Equality, ſumtime, of Differens, Sumtime of Contrariez, or for Comparyzon, but cheefly for the moſt part, of things that between themſelvez do well agree, and are faſt linked in Amitee: Az fyrſt for Paſtimez Hooundz and Hawks; Deer red and fallo; Hare and Fox; Partrich and Fezaunt; Fiſh and Fooul; Carp and Tench. For Wars, Speer and Sheeld; Hors and Harneſs; Swoord and Buckler. For Suſtenauns, Wheat and Barley; Peas and Beanz; Meat and Drink; Bread and Meat; Beer and Ale; Applz and Pearz.

But leaſt by ſuch Dualiteez I draw you too far; let us here ſtay and cum neerer home. See what a ſort of freendlie *Binitee'z* we oour ſelvez do conſiſt and ſtond upon: Fyrſt our Two feet, Two Legs, Two kneez, ſo upward: and Above, Two Shoolderz, Two Arms, and Two Hands. But cheefly oour principl Two; that iz, Body and Soll: Then in the Hed, whear all our Senſez meet, and almoſt all in Two's: Two Nozethrills, Two Earz, and Two Eyz: So ar we of freendly

freendly Two's from top to toe. Wel, to this Number of *Binitee'z*, take ye One mo for an Upſhot, and heer an eend.

The 2 Dials. Two Dials nye unto the Battilments are ſet aloft upon two of the Sydes of *Cæſar's* Tower; one Eaſt, the oother South; for ſo ſtond they beſt to ſheaw the Hoourz to the Tooun and Cuntree: both fayre large and *blew Biſe.* rich, by byſe for ground, and Goold for letters, whearby they glitter conſpicuous a great wey off. The Clok-bell that iz good and ſhrill, waz commaunded to Silens at firſt, and indeed ſang not a note all the while her Highneſs waz thear, the Clok ſtood allſo ſtill withall. But mark now, whither wear it by chauns, by conſtellation of Stars, or by fatal appoyntment (if fatez and Starz do deal with Dialz) thus waz it indeed: The handz of both the tablz ſtood firm and faſt, *The Dials at 2 a Clok.* allweys pointing at two a Clok. Which thing beholding by hap at fyrſt; but after ſeriouſly marking in deed, enprinted into me a deep ſign and argument certein: That this Thing amoong the reſt, waz for full Signifiauns of his *Lordſhips* honorabl, frank, freendly, and nobl hart towards all Eſtates: which whither cum they to ſtay and take cheer,

cheer, or ſtraight to return: to ſee, or to be ſeen: Cum they for Duty to her *Majeſty*, or looove too his *Lordſhip*, or for both: Cum they early or late: for hiz *Lordſhips* part, they cum allweyz all at two a Clok, een jump at two a Clok: that iz to ſay, in good harte, good acceptauns, in amitee and freendlye wellcoom: who ſaw els that I ſaw, muſt ſay az I ſay. For ſo many things byſide----*Maſter Humphrey*, wear heerin ſo conſonant unto my conſtruction, that this pointing of the Clok (to my ſelf) I took in amitee, as an Oracle certain. And heer is my wyndleſs, like yoor coorſe az pleaz ye.

But noow Syr too cum too eend. For receyving of her Highneſs, and entertainment of all thoother eſtatez. Syns of Delicatez that oney wey moought ſewe or delight; az of Wyne, Spice deynty Viaunds, place Muzik, Ornaments of hoous, rich Arras and Sylk (too ſay nothing of the meaner thinges) the maſs by provizion waz heaped ſo hoouge, which the boounty in ſpending did after bewray. The conceit ſo deep in caſting the plat at firſt. ſuch a wizdom and cunning in acquiring things ſo rich, ſo rare, and in ſuch abundauns: by ſo imminent

imminent and profuſe a charge of Expens, whiche by ſo honorabl ſervis, and exquiſit Order, curteizy of Officerz, and humanitee of all, wear ſo bountifully beſtoed and ſpent; what may this expreſs, what may this ſet oout untoo us, but only a magnifyk minde, a ſinguler wizdoom, a prinſly purs, and an heroical hart? If it wear my theam *Maſter Martyn*, too ſpeak of hiz *Lordſhips* great honor and magnificens, though it be not in mee too ſay ſufficientlie, az bad a pen-clark az I am, yet coold I ſay a great deel more.

the great Tent.

But being heer now in magnificens, and matterz of greatnes, It falls well too mynd the greatnes of his Honor's Tent, that for her *Majeſtyez* dining waz pighte at long *Ichington*, the day her Highnes cam to *Killingworth Caſtl.* A Tabernacl indeed for number and ſhift of large and goodlye roomz, for fayr and eazy Officez both inward and ootward, al ſo likeſum in order and Eyſight: that juſtly for dignitee may be comparabl with a beautifull Pallais; and for greatnes & quantitee, with a proper Tooun, or rather a Cittadell. But to be ſhort, leaſte I keep you too long from the Ryall Exchaunge noow, and too cauz yoo conceyve

mooche

mooche matter in feaweſt woordes. The Iron bedſted of *Og* the king of *Baſan* (ye wot) waz foour yards and a halfe long, and two yards wide, whearby ye conſider a Gyaunt of a great proportion waz he: This Tent had ſeaven Cart lode of Pynz perteining too it: Noow for the greatneſs geſs az ye can. *Deut.* 3.

And great az it waz (to marſhall oour matters of greatnes togither,) not forgetting a Weather at *Grafton*, brought too the Coourt, that for body and wool waz exceeding great; the meazure I tooke not: let me ſheaw you with what great marvel a great Chyld of *Leyceterſhire*, at this long *Ichington*, by the Parents waz prezented: great (I ſay) of limz and proportion, of a foour foot and foour inches hye; and els lanuginoous az a lad of eyghteen yearz, being indeed——avowd too be but ſix yeer old; nothing more bewraying hiz age, then hiz wit; that waz, az for thooz yeers ſimpl and childiſh.

Az for unto hiz *Lordſhip*, having with ſuch greatnes of honorabl modeſty and benignitee ſo paſſed foorth, az Laudem ſine Invidia & amicos pararit. By greatneſse of well doo- *Terent.*

ing, woon with all ſorts to bee in ſuch reverens az De quo mentiri fama veretur: In ſynceritee of freendſhip ſo great, az no man more devooutly woorſhips. Illud amicitiæ ſanctum & venerabile nomen. So great in Liberalitie, az hath no wey to heap up the maſs of hiz Trezure, but only by liberal gyving and boonteoous beſtowing hiz trezure: folding (az it ſeemez) that ſaw of Martial that ſayth,

Blas.

Ovid.

Martial. Extra fortunam eſt, quicquid donatur amicis;
Quas dederis, ſolas ſemper habebis opes.
Oout of all hazerd do'ſt thou ſet that to thy freends thou giveſt:
A ſurer Trezure canſt thou not have ever whyle thoou lyveſt.

what may theez greatneſſes bode, but only az great honor, fame & renooun for theez parts heer awey, az ever waz untoo thoz two nobl Greatz: the *Macedonian Alexander* in *Emathia* or *Grees*, or to *Romane Charles* in *Germanye* or *Italy?* which, wear it in me ony way to ſet oout, no man of all men by *God (Maſter Martin)* had ever more cauz, and that heerby conſider yoo.

It pleazed hiz Honor to beare me good wil at fyrſt, and ſo too continu. To have given me apparail eeven from hiz bak, to get me allowauns in the Stabl, to advauns

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me untoo this woorſhipful Office ſo neer the moſt honorabl Councell, to help me in my Licens of Beanz (though indeed I do not ſo much uze it, for I thank *God* I need not) to permit my good *Father* to ſerve the ſtabl. Whearby I go now in my ſylks, that elſe might ruffl in my cut Canves: I ryde now a hors back, that els many timez mighte mannage it a foot: am knoen to their honors, and taken foorth with the beſt; that els might be bidden to ſtand bak my ſelf: My good *Father* a good releef, that hee farez mooch the better by, and none of theez for my dezert, eyther at fyrſt or ſins, *God* he knoez. What ſay ye my good freend *Humphrey*, ſhoold I not for ever honor, extol him all the weys I can? Yes, by your leave, while *God* lends me poour to utter my minde. And, having az good cauz of hiz Honor, az *Virgil* had of *Auguſtus Cæſar*, will I poet it a littl with *Virgil*, and ſay

Namque erit Ille mihi ſemper Deus, illius aram
Sæpe tener noſtris ab Ovilibus imbuet agnus.
For he ſhall be a *God* to me, 'till death my life conſumes,
Hiz Auterz will I Sacrifize with incens and parfumez.

Virgil. Eclog. 1.

A ſingular patron of humanitee may he be well unto us towarde all degreez: of Honour, toward hye Eſtates, and cheeflye whearby we may learne in what dignitee, worſhip and

reverens her Highnes is to be eſteemed, honored and received, that waz never indeed more condignly done than heer; ſo az neyther by the Builders at firſt, nor by the Edict of pacification after, waz ever *Kenelworth* more nobled, than by thys hiz *Lordſhip's* receiving hir Highnes heer now.

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But *Jeſu Jeſu* whither am I drawen noow. But tallk I of my *Lord* onz, een thus it farez with me: I forget all my freends, and my ſelf too. And yet yoo, being a Mercer, a Merchant, az I am: My Cuntreeman born, and my good freend withall, whearby I kno ye are compaſſiond with me: methought it my part ſumwhat to impart unto yoo, hoow it iz heer with me, and hoow I lead my life, which indeed iz this. viz.

A Mornings I rize ordinarily at ſeaven a Clok: Then reddy, I go intoo the Chappell: ſoon after eyght, I get me commonly intoo my *Lord's* Chamber, or intoo my *Lords* prezidents. Thear at the Cupboord after I haven eaten the Manchet, ſerved over night for livery, (for I dare be az bolld, I promis yoo, az any of my freends the Servaunts thear: and indeed coold I have freſh, if I woold

woold tarry, but I am of woont jolly and dry a mornings:) I drink me up a good bole of Ale: when in a ſweet Pot it iz defecated by al night's ſtanding, the drink iz the better, take that of me: and a morſel in a Morning, with a ſound draught, is very holſome and good for the Ey-ſight: Then I am az freſh all the forenoon after, az had I eaten a hole pees of beaf. Noow Syr, If the councell ſit, I am at hand; wait at an inch I warrant yoo: If any make babling, "peas (ſay I) woot ye whear ye are? If I take a lyſtenar, or a pryer in at the chinks or at the lok-hole, I am by and by in the bones of him: But now they keep good order, they kno me well inough: If a be a freend or ſuch a one az I lyke; I make hym ſit dooun by me on a foorm or a cheaſt: let the reſt walk a *God's* name.

And heer doth my langages now and than ſtond me in good ſted: My *French*, my *Spaniſh*, my *Dutch*, and my *Latten:* Sumtime amoong Ambaſſadours men, if their Maſter be within with the Councel: Sumtime with the Ambaſſador himſelf, if he bid call his lacky, or aſk me what's a Clok; and I warrant ye I aunſwer him roundly; that they

they marvel to ſee ſuch a fellow thear: then laugh I and ſay nothing. Dinner and Supper I have twenty placez to go to, and hartly prayd to: Sumtime get I to *Maſter Pinner;* by my faith a worſhipfull Gentleman, and az careful for hiz charge az ony her highneſs hath: thear find I allways good Store of very good Viaunds; we eat and bee merry, thank *God* & the *Queen.* Himſelf in feeding very temperat & moderat az ye ſhall ſee ony: and yet, by your leave, of a diſh, as a Colld Pigeon or ſo, that hath cum to him at meat more than he lookt for, I have ſeen him een ſo by and by Surfit, az he hath pluct off hiz Napkin, wyept his knife, and eat not a morſel more: lyke ynoough to ſtick in hiz ſtomake a two dayz after: (ſum hard meſſage from the higher Officers; perceive ye me?) Upon ſearch, hiz faithful dealing and diligens hath found him fautles.

In afternoons and a nights, ſum time am I with the right woorſhipfull *Sir George Howard,* az good a Gentlman az ony livez: And ſumtime, at my good *Lady Sidneis* Chamber, a Noblwooman that I am az mooch bound untoo, az ony poore man maye be untoo ſo gracyoous a Lady:

and

and sumtime in sum oother place. But alwayez among the Gentlwemen by my good will; (O, yee kno that cum alweyez of a gentle Spirite:) And when I see cumpany according, then can I bee az lyvely too: Sumtime I foote it with Dauncing: noow with my Gittern, and els with my Cittern, *Guittarr.* then at the Virgynalz: Ye kno nothing cums amisse to mee: Then Carroll I up a Song withall: That by and by they cum flocking about me lyke Beez too hunny: And ever they cry, anoother, good *Langham*, anoother! Shall I tell yoo? when I see *Misterz* ——(A, see a mad Knave; I had almost tollde all!) that she gyvez onz but an Ey, or an Ear: why then, Man, am I bleſt; my grace, my corage, my cunning is doobled: She sayz, Sumtime, She likez it; and then I like it mooch the better; It dooth me good to heer hoow well I can doo. And too say truth; what with myne Eyz, az I can amoroously gloit it, with my *Spaniſh* Sospires, my *French* Heighes, mine *Italian* dulcets, my *Dutch* hovez, my doobl releas, my hye reaches, my feyning, my deep Diapason, my wanton warblz, my running, my tyming, my tuning, and my twynkling, I can gracify the matters az well az the prowdest of them, and waz

yet

yet never ſtaynd I thank *God:* By my troth, Cuntreman, it iz ſumtim by midnight, e'er I can get from them. And thus have I told ye moſt of my Trade, al the leeve long daye: what will ye more, *God* ſave the *Queen*, and my *Lord*. I am well I thank yoo.

Heerwith ment I fully to bid ye farewell, had not this doubt cum to my minde, that heer remains a doout in yoo, which I ought (methought) in any wyze to cleer. Which, iz, Ye marvel perchauns to ſee me ſo book-iſh. Let me tell yoo, in few woords: I went to Scool, forſooth, both at *Pollez*, and allſo at *Saint Antoniez:* In the fifth foorm, paſt *Eſop* fabls, I wys, (and) red *Terens*, vos iſtæc intro auferte, and began with my *Virgill* Tytire tu patulæ. I coold my rules conſter and pars with the beſt of them ſyns: Then, as partly ye kno, have I traded the feat of Marchaundize in ſundry Cuntreys, and ſo gat me Languages: which do ſo littl hinder my *Latten*, az (I thank God) have mooch encreaſt it. I have leizure ſumtime, when I tend not upon the Councell; whearby, now look I on one book, noow on an other. Storiez I delight in: the more auncient and rare, the more like-ſum unto me; If I tolld

ye,

ye, I lyked *William a Malmeſbery* ſo well, bicauze of hiz diligenz and antiquitee, perchauns ye woold conſter it bicauz I love *Mamzey* ſo well: But I feith it iz not ſo: for ſipt I no more Sak and Suger, (and yet never but with company,) then I do *Malmzey*, I ſhoold not bluſh ſo mooch a dayz az I doo: ye kno my minde.

Well noow, thus fare ye hartily well yfeith: If with wiſhing it coold have bin, ye had had a Buk or two this ſoomer; but we ſhall cum neerer ſhortly, and then ſhall we merreley meet and grace o' God. In the mean time, commend me I beſeech yoo, untoo my good freends, almoſt moſt of them yoor Neighbourz: *Maſter Allderman Pulliſon*, a ſpecial freende of mine: And in ony wiſe too my good old freend *Maſter Smith*, Cuſtumer, by that ſame token,——"Set my hors up to the rack, and then lets have a Cup of ſak. He knoes the token well ynough, and will laugh, I hold ye a grote. Too *Maſter Thorogood:* and to my mery cumpanion (a Mercer ye wot az we be) *Maſter Denman*, Mio fratello in Chriſto: He iz woont too ſummon me by the Name of *Ro. La.* of the Coounty *Noſingham* Gentle-

man: A good Companion I feyth. Well, Onez again fare ye hartely well. From the Coourt. At the Citee of *Worceter*, the XX of *Auguſt* 1575.

Yor Countreeman, Companion, & freend aſſuredly: Mercer, Merchant aventurer, and Clark of the Councel Chamber door, and alſo keeper of the ſame:

El Prencipe Negro. par me R. L. Gent. Mercer.

De Majeſtate Regia benigna.

Cedant Arma togæ, Concedat laurea linguæ,
Jactanter Cicero at juſtius illud habe:
Cedant Arma togæ, Vigil & toga cedat honori
Omnia Concedant Imperioque ſuo.

Deo Opt. Max. Gratiæ.

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